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Nashville Tenn - Sept. 6. 1869 -

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Secy. &c Cin. Ohio.
Dear Brother:

I made inquiries in my last letter about our arrangements for heating &c - and for a range or stove for the kitchen. Our new Matron - is brim full of Holyoke, Painesville & Rockford ways & manners - and thinks that we ought by all means to have a brick oven like the ones they have in those Schools - and a range for cooking like theirs - Now I don't profess to know anything at all about such things - and it is quite important that we have good facilities for baking & cooking & at the same time secure economy in the use of fuel. I cannot put up flues till some plan is adopted - and it will be impossible to cook or wash for even our present number long with any temporary arrangements we can make - If you send a stove or range fixtures by boat - now - it will make some delay but if you can, from any -

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information you can get here decide what is best to have put in — and let us know soon so that we can go on with the brick work & fix so as to be able to put up our stoves when we can make them available — we will try to get along until they come. If you think best to leave the matter to us — & authorize me to purchase the necessary material & labor — & put in the best arrangement which we can figure out — I will do the best I can.

Please give me directions or information —

I shall have to purchase a supply of lamps soon. I wrote you concerning the non-explosive lamp — & sent you a letter & circular — will you please return the letter &c. and give me a little light —

We haven't lamps enough to accommodate the family we will have the coming week which it is at all safe to use. We burned candles a good deal the last of the term & patched up the lamps — We cannot use candles to advantage — & we came near burning up once or twice with the lamps.

I have just made out the word Cary in your last letter — and will go to him for your money tomorrow —

Truly Yours Geo. L. White

P.S. I have Jim back again.

Fisk University
Nashville Tenn Sept 7th 69

Rev. E. P. Smith
Genl Fd Agt. A.M.A.
53 John St. N.Y.

Dear Brother

I understand that you have an arrangement by which you can furnish pianos of the Bradbury make at a discount. We have no piano. We very much need a good strong piano — one that has power enough to support a heavy Chorus & "fill" our Chapel. One of the Bradbury Square-grand pianos — would answer our purpose very well — if the action is not too strong. Upon what terms could you send us such an instrument?

A music teacher has been engaged & will be on the ground this week. If she is the right sort of stuff I shall try to raise some money by a concert or two after a while for this purpose. Please let us know what we can do.

Could you send us another supply of Happy Voices? Those I had are nearly all sold. I have no money to send for them at present.

With kind regards
Very truly Yours
Geo. L. White

Agreement

This memorandum of agreement made this [illegible] day of September, [illegible] between Geo. W. Brown carpenter and builder of the one part and Geo. L. White Agent of the A.M.A. & W.F.A.C. of the other.

Witnesseth: that the said Geo. W. Brown party of the first part agrees to make, or cause to be made certain extensions and repairs upon the buildings of Fisk University located at Nashville Tenn. in accordance with specifications for the same hereunto annexed and which form a part of this agreement, the said party of the first part to furnish all material and labor for the same, the material used to be good and perfect in its kind, and the labor to be performed in a thorough, substantial and workmanlike manner.

The said Geo. L. White Agent & party of the second part, in consideration of the repairs and extensions above named being made in accordance with the terms of this agreement agrees to pay to the said George W. Brown the sum of Seven hundred & thirty

(547.50)

Dollars ($730.00) 75 percent of this amount, to be paid from time to time as the work progresses, and the remainder ($182.50) to be reserved until the work is completed and accepted.

Said party of the second part is to have the right to change, take from or add to the work to be done, the value of such changes, at a fair price to be added to or deducted from – as the case may be – the amount of compensation herein named.

Witness our hands this 2nd day of September 1869.

Geo. W. Brown
Builder & Repairer
Geo. L. White
Agt A.M.Assoc.

Nashville Tenn. Septr. 13 '8

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

[illegible]

Dear Brother:

Your letters of 8 & 9 — duly received. After carefully looking over the plans — and our room — we — that is Mrs Hay & I — conclude that the laundry had better in the end of the other building. That will give plenty of room for the Students, ultimately do all the work including washing — which our [illegible] basement will not be commodious enough to allow. It will also give a small room below adjoining the kitchen for a sleeping room which we very much need.

The room now occupied by Mr. Loring is 20 × with a room 10 × 14 attached — It has a good flue & good ventilation — I would propose that the range have *two* pipes entering the flue one in the kitchen & the other through a drum in the dining room [illegible] the heat to be controlled by air tights "dampers" - [illegible] [illegible] days come in winter when the heat would be insupportable - & others days late in Spring when we should need fire. We shall likely need a small stove near the entrance -

Carey has written to Washington regarding the board - This extra expense will I fear use up the whole of the appropriation - but the 500 for [illegible] I will try to save that.

I registered over 80 students today - something over 100 were in attendance -

I am in a perfect *jam* of work - I hope it will slacken soon - if not I shall not be able to stand it - You *must come* down if possible.

Laura has accepted the care of the young ladies & ~~has~~ we have moved into the dormitory. I don't like that, tho' the rooms are pleasant

Very truly Yours
Geo. L. White

Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn. Sept. 16. 1869.

Rev. E. M. Cravath, Secy &c.

Dear Brother,

I send you inclosed a letter from E. P. S. in reply to one I wrote concerning a piano. I know as much as I did before I recd. it about the terms upon which we can purchase. We need a good, first class piano – of strength of tone sufficient to _fill_ our chapel – and support a good heavy chorus – I should say a $\frac{4}{5}$ price $675. would answer – half price would be $337½ – we need the piano now. we have no money to pay now – Can we buy on ~~three~~ a five or six months time – trusting mainly to a concert about Holidays to raise the _wherewith_. We shall be able to realize something from music scholars – The great objection to the Bradbury make of pianos is their _stiff-hard action_ – I would be glad to have the piano selected by a competent person – with special reference to getting one of moderately easy action – also to getting _power_ & evenness of tone through the scale – Please attend to this as soon as may be – as we can't go on with the music until something is decided on –

I shall expect you as soon as next week – Very truly yours
Geo. L. White

Fisk University,
Nashville, Tenn. Sept. 15. 1869.

Mr. C. M. Johnson & Mack Ro[illegible]
Gallatin, Tenn.

Gentlemen,

I must call your attention again to the bills for the boys expenses of last year. I have written you twice about this matter and yet I hear nothing from you.

Can you not settle this account by its payment or at least tell me when it can be paid – I kept my agreement with you regarding the boys – can you not do yours with me? Send me part of the amount if you cannot send all – and then something each month until it is paid.

Please attend to this at once

Very truly Yours

Geo. L. White
Steward

Nashville - Tenn - Sept - 22 - 69

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Secy
Dr Bro

About the piano - I selected the lowest price of the large piano - The "Grand Scale" are not really grand scale pianos - but I believe they are a little larger & fuller in tone - We need a piano heavy in tone enough for concert purposes - as well as practice. The one you name may answer as well the person who picks the instrument must judge - I hope Special attention will be given to its selection - & it will save us expense hereafter. We need power & evenness of tone - and a moderate-ly Easy touch - Bradbury pianos are notoriously hard & stiff in the action - this makes them hard to play on. I don't care a fig for the case - I'd as soon have a plain case as any.

Very truly yours - Geo. L. White

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Octr. 4. 69

Bvt. Lt. Col. Jos. W. Gelray U.S.A.
Late Ed. O. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
304 Pearl St. N. Y. City:

Colonel:

Your letter of 27th ultimo requesting a receipt for certain property turned over by you to Fisk University has been handed me by Prof. Ogden. I have no means of ascertaining the amount of property pertaining to the Bureau which was turned over to us excepting the list you give. I presume it is correct and forward herewith enclosed a receipt for the same as requested.

I have the honor to be Colonel
With great respect
Your Obdt Servt
Geo. L. White
Agent A.M.Assoc.

Received of Bvt. Lt. Col. Jno. McGelray, D. O. Bureau R. F. & A. L. in the State of Tennessee, the following named articles of School furniture &c.

viz: twelve (12). Office chairs.
thirty (30). School Benches.
One hundred & fifty (150) feet Rubber Hose.
Six (6) Stoves.
thirty seven (37). Joints Stove Pipe.
One (1). Coal Bucket.
four (4) Lamps (Glass)
four (4) reflectors (Glass)

Geo. L. White
Agent Amer. Miss. Asso.

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Messrs Porter and Montgomery
Gen. Agents for Perkins & House Non Ex Lamps
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

On the 15th ult. I addressed you a letter requesting samples of lamps sent C.O.D. by express ~~since which~~ to which I have as yet received no reply. We are needing lamps very much, but I have not purchased expecting to buy from you.

We need two kinds - one suitable for a table lamp for general use - and a hand lamp for Students rooms. As said before, we wish good substantial lamps at as cheap a rate as possible. We are doing a mission work & have to do a great deal with little money. Will you send us samples of lamps C.O.D. with your lowest prices to us? Will you please give this your early attention & write me at once what you can do as we are needing them very much Very truly, G. L. White
Treas

Oct. 27th, 69.

Mr. Taylor G. Ewing
Hillsboro, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 22d inst. relative to the admission of some children from your district to Fisk University is rec'd.

In reply I have to say that we would be pleased to have the children come here to school.

I can receive them at the regular price for board and tuition - ($2.75 per week for board & $1. per month for tuition) and will take any produce (provisions) their people may deliver to me here and allow them the regular market price for it. We need meal, flour, ham, eggs, butter, lard, beef, wood, fruit dry or green - &c -

Mr. Roberts returned this morning to attend school.

With kind regards
Very truly yours,
Geo. L. White

Oct. 27th. 69

Mrs. Emily Todd.
Fayetteville, Tenn.

Dear Madam

Your letter of Oct. 1st. per Susan has been received.

Susan is doing well at school, is attentive and obedient, and is held in high esteem by her teachers and schoolmates.

Her expenses are as follows: for boarding including room, light, washing & all necessary expenses 2.75 per week or $11.00 per month.

Her tuition is 1.00 per month. Music is *extra* and more expensive although we furnish it at one half the regular price. It will cost $4.00 per month for her to take lessons on the piano.

An instruction book for the piano costs $3.75.

The total cost of what she receives now is 12. per month.
with music additional it will be $16.

All bills are payable in advance except by special arrangement.

Very truly yours. Geo. L. White

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Mrs. Mary J. Mead
Selma Ala

Dear Madam

I have recd a new grate for the stove and directions to have the necessary repairs made here which I will have done today and ship the whole of [illegible] tomorrow.

My very busy duties prevents my giving the attention to matters that I would otherwise hence a little delay.

With kind regards
Very truly Yours
Geo. L. White

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Revd. Edwd. P. Smith
Genl. Field Agent A.M.A.
New York City.

Dear Bro:

Yours of 2d & 15th insts. were duly recd. Owing to illness of my wife and much work answer has been delayed.

1st. Regarding pickles we have a family of about fifty at present. This number will be largely increased during the next two or three months. Heretofore we have used very few pickles owing to their high price. I can hardly judge of the quantity we could use to advantage, but think two or three barrels could be cared for here and profitably used.

2. I have not recd the A. T. Almanac. From the description contained in your letter I think we could sell a good many during the fall. It is a little difficult to induce the people to purchase such things even at cheap rates, and the matter is so new to us that I wouldn't

like to give an estimate of any number we could sell, & if you can send us 100 or more I will do the best I can with them.

Very truly Yours,

Geo. L. White

Octr 27th 69

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro:

I have rec'd the grate and have sent the reservoir to the tinner to be repaired. It can be patched up to last awhile perhaps. All freight shipped further South than Chattanooga passes this place in locked & sealed cars, and no record is made of their contents here. So I can learn nothing of the bill of furniture.

The heater in the Dormitory is about useless again. Last year the feeder gave out you recollect I spoke to you about it while in Cin. The feeder is made with a casting riveted to a sheet iron top it burns off where it is riveted together. I hired a tinner to come & take it out & cut the burned edge off & rivet it on again. It is riveted [illegible] on one side & the casting hangs down so as to be in the way of feeding the furnace either from the door or top. Bennett Bro. ought to send a new & more substantial feeder & make it good in

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some way - I have been very careful since I got it fixed and it is evidently too frail for its use. Please see them about it soon as cold weather is on us and it won't be pleasant to break down on our heaters--

I used the new ones all night & should have returned the old one. & will do so tomorrow when I will try & give a final touch so far as I am concerned to the difficulty in the way of ours remaining here. Laura has been quite sick for nearly two weeks. She is able to be up today a part of the time- We expect Father & Mother before many days. I hope Mother will be able to nurse Laura up while she is with us.

Very truly Yours
Geo L White

How about the Pianos?

Oct 27th

[illegible] Smith Esq
[illegible]
[illegible]
Dear Sir

Your note of the [illegible] [illegible] in relation to terms of Board & Tuition of this institution has been handed me by Prof Ogden for reply.

Permit me to call your attention to the inclosed circular which will give you the items of information sought. Tuition is separate from the Boarding expense. In the High School it amounts to about $1.25 per month; in the lower grades per $1.00 — The Boarding is $11.00 per month (4 weeks) making the total expense in High School $12.25 per mo. in the lower grades $12.00.

If pleased with terms & our accommodations we shall be glad to have the young man [illegible] to attend our school. And you can assure your friend that no pains will be spared to give his son all necessary care & attention.

With great respect I am Very truly Yours [illegible]

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Oct. 27th 6[illegible]

Messrs [illegible]

Publishers of [illegible] N. York

Gentlemen,

I enclose draft of People's Bank of this City # [illegible] on [illegible] Talmadge & Co for thirty dollars $30 for an "Happy Home" &c for [illegible] proposed in your favor of 11th inst.

This money came not from poor people 5 & 10 cts each and a good share from [illegible] private purse. Please do the best thing you can for us.

We have in [illegible] of a library for the young people could you not as Publishers contribute something, and send [illegible] in this package for that? It would be very gratefully [illegible] and aid us in doing this great & good work, in which a people [illegible] are "[illegible] rising."

We [illegible] Mr. [illegible] & Mr. [illegible] through their sweet songs [illegible] more than they [illegible] that our young [illegible] songs of "Love home and [illegible]" [illegible]

Such good [illegible]
Respectfully Yours Geo. Whipple

Oct. 30. 69

James T. Rapier Esq.
Florence Ala.
Dear Sir

A portion of your letter of the 11. inst. to Dr. Away, has been referred by him to me for reply. Permit me to call your attention to the inclosed circular of our School. By it you will see that our terms for tuition are about 1.25 per month in the High School (including Academic Normal & Collegiate Departments so far as developed) and 1.00 per month in the lower grades. For boarding including all necessary expenses we charge $2.75 per week or 11.00 per month (4 weeks) making a total expense of 12.25 in H. S. & 12.00 in lower grades per month.

The course of instruction which may be adopted for the young man referred to (providing he enters the institution) will be such as, upon examination of his present attainments shall be considered the best to fit him for the active duties of life. Our teachers are all thoroughly well qualified & practical having ^had^ without exception large experience in teaching in Schools of high order. Be assured that, should you decide to send your brother here, no pains will be spared to give him thorough, systematic, practical training in the studies he may most need. ~~and in the~~

In regard to other schools — I have nothing to say against any. There are other very good schools here but we intend to make Fisk University the best school in the South.

"The proof of a pudding is in eating it." If it please you to send the young man to our care, we shall be pleased to see him.

Very truly Yours

Geo. L. White —
Treasr —

Nov. 2d 69

Mrs. Frances [illegible]

58 [illegible] St. Memphis Ten.

Dear Madam:

Emma wishes me to write you concerning her board & other expenses. that you may fully understand my terms.

Her expenses are for boarding 2.75 per week - including washing, room, light, fuel & all necessary expenses - It amounts to $11 per month - or 41.25 for the first term, $33.00 for the 2d & 27.50 for the 3d. (See enclosed circular) - She has no expense for tuition being in the Normal class. About help - we have no money to give away as heretofore. You can in her case pay what you are able per month and we will furnish her with the rest, with the understanding that it shall be returned to us, a little at a time, as you or she may be able in the future. If you are able to pay eight dollars per month, it will leave three dollars per month for her to pay in the future. Please write me on receipt of this and if the arrangement is satisfactory we will allow her sufficient time to easily make the payment.

It will be best for you to pay all you can of the expense as it becomes due as we have a very limited fund and very many others need help.

Emma is a very good girl. She is doing well in her studies and has the confidence and respect of all the teachers.

With kind regards for yourself & all our friends in Memphis

Very truly yours

Geo. L. White

Treasurer.

Nov. 2nd 69

Mrs. M. S. Mead
Matron, Teachers Home
Selma, Ala

Dear Madam:

Please find enclosed herewith bill of goods shipped to your address 30th ult. The shipment was delayed for several reasons, waiting for grate, [illegible] accounts & the sickness of my wife rendering it impossible for me to attend to all my duties with promptness.

I hope the goods may reach you in good order & in time ~~for~~ to give you good service in starting your work. Emma is getting better again. others are in usual health. school prospering. With kind regards

Very truly yours

Geo. Whipple

Nov. 2nd 69

G. Harvey. Esq.
Burnsville, Miss.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Oct. 26. addressed to Prof. Ogden enclosing twenty one dollars and twenty five cents ($21.25) (less express) as the balance due on Napoleon's board & tuition to Decr 24. was duly recd. and has been handed me for reply.

Permit me to say that the amt. enclosed was correct. Attached hereto is a receipt for the same.

I am pleased to inform you that Napoleon is doing well at his studies. He is very gentlemanly in deportment and attentive to his duties and he seems well & contented.

With great respect

Very truly Yours Geo. L. White
Treasurer

$21.25

Recd this 2d day of Nov. 69 of G. Harvey, Burnsville, Miss. twenty one dollars and twenty five cents — balance in full of the a/c of Napoleon Harvey for Board & tuition in Fisk University — to Decr. 24. 1869

Geo. L. White Treasd

Nov. 9. 69

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
Secy. Cin.

Dear Bro: Enclosed is my report for Sept. and Octr. 1869. In addition to the am't reported as Home expenses 670.18 — I have now upwards of 200 unpaid bills — deductions for supplies on hand at close of the month — am'ts paid on last years acct. — our expenses for the two months have been fully [illegible]. Much this we have furnished about 200 weeks board [illegible] 3.20 per week for which we get 2.75 — saying nothing about wear & tear &c. Payments by students are made rather slowly but on the whole are coming in better than I expected. Tuition has been paid quite promptly. I have recd [illegible] borrowed of Mr. Ogden by Bd. of Trustees in [illegible] body fund — This cannot keep up the expenses. I have as I said upwards of 200 unpaid bills connected with the Home expenses and nothing to pay it with. Can you send me $200 to meet these bills with. I need the money right away as the most of these are over due.

Can you raise money on that $1000 bond?

The repairs on the dining room kitchen & cost $730.00 exclusive of the ranges & hot water attachments.

Repairing & changing school rooms about	400.00
making a total of (about)	$1130.00
of which has been paid (about)	750.00
leaving now due on work which has been done	380.00

In addition to this there are some expenses connected with lengthening the flues in chapel & changing flues in dormitory — putting up ranges &c — which will require at least $500. to meet. I need 300. of this very soon. Can it be secured by using the bond as security or must the 20 % of the bond be sacrificed — I am stunned every time I look out —

Laura has been quite sick for several weeks & our expenses have been considerable — Could you send me $100. on personal acct?

Very truly yours

Geo. L. White

Nov. 26th 69

Rev. John McCutchen,
Ruggles, Ohio

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter dated Oct. 21. 1869 to Rev. E. M. Cravath &c forwarding a box of books. The box was forwarded by him to this school and was received a few days since. We are very grateful for the donation and can make good use of the entire contents of the box. We have made a start towards collecting a library and most of the books will will find their place in that and be identified thus with the future history of our Institution.

A foundation has been laid here for a great work one which we trust may influence not only our own State but the South for good. We have a great work in hand to be done with little means yet we have been wonderfully blest of God thus far & have strong faith that our work will not be left to fail for want of material support. All these little remembrances from our friends help us. We feel blessed in receiving may ours be blessed richly in the gifts

With kind regards of our school I remain with great respect

Very truly yours

Geo. L. White
Steward

Nov. 24th 69

B. Rowe
Croton Licking Co. Ohio

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of an invoice of articles sent by friends in Croton O. The box was forwarded from Cin. and we recd a few days since. We are very grateful indeed for the kind remembrance. We have in hand a great work which by the condition of things we are obliged to carry on with very limited means. Every thing of this kind sent adds to the comfort of those who labor here and at the same time increases the ability of the Societies to carry on their work. We have a large growing school which is developing as fast as may be into what was the original intention of the Societies a University in its broadest sense. That shall aid in carrying Literature & Science as well as earnest Christian thought & work to this newly born nation. Please remember us in your prayers & in giving that we fail not for lack of faith or for means of carrying on this work.

With many thanks for the timely donation and the best wishes & kind regards of our teachers &c

I am with gratitude
Yours Obdt Servt
Geo. L. White

Nov. 30th, 69

Rev. Edw. P. Smith.
General Field Agent. A.M.A.
53 John Street N.Y. City

Dear Brother;

While Prof. Ogden was in Washington last summer, he secured a donation of $2500. from Genl. Howard for Fisk University, $1000 in cash & $1500 in Y. M. C. A. Bond. We understood here that the whole was available and as it seemed necessary, certain work was contracted for altogether in amt. of $1000 — $500 (as we afterwards found) more than we had available funds. — Genl Howard does not wish the bond negotiated at present tho' he says the trustees may do as they think best. If sold now it must be at a sacrifice — We need $500. Can you use this bond in N.Y. to raise the amt. named? Mr. Cravath spoke of it being perhaps best to send you the bond but as I only saw him a short time and could not talk over affairs only sufficiently to have a fair understanding - and having really no Authority to act for the Trustees - I thought best to write before sending the bond. Our word is out for the money. By understanding at the time that it was all available, and we must have $800 since one of the bond has to be sold at a heavy discount. The bond is Given by the Young Men's Christian Asso. of Washington dated Aug. 21 in favor of John J. Carey Treasurer of Trustees.

Please let me know at once if you can use the bond to help us out of our difficulty. Mr Cravath will be here next week & will stop a short time with us.

I have delayed answering your communication regarding price of board for each person, because I cannot, at present, give a fair statement - As soon as we are in school running again I will cheerfully comply with your request.

Very truly Yours - Geo. L. White

Nov. 30th, 69

Mrs. Ann Evans,
Care of Dr. G. B. Thornton, City Hospital
Memphis Tenn—

Dear Madam—

A portion of your letter of 25th inst. to Prof Ogden has been referred to me for reply— The total expense of Alice's attending school is for boarding $2.75 per week — or $11.00 per month— (4 weeks) — & her tuition in High School is $1.25 per month making $12.25 per month— Alice has now been here something over two months and has paid— Sept. 24 — $5.00 for which she has my receipt—

It will be much more satisfactory all around if the money for boarding &c be sent directly to me— I can then receipt for it directly to you and keep you posted as to your daughter's necessities, progress &c &c

My wife is principal of the ladies department and will write you concerning Alice's wardrobe &c.

Very truly Yours Geo. L. White
Steward.

P. S. It will be best for you to send all money in Post Office Orders payable to "Geo. L. White" and in your letter give specific directions as to the disposition you wish made of it. There will then be no danger of losses
G. L. W.

Nov. 28th 69

Peter Pearl Esq
Memphis Tenn
Dear Sir,

I have received a check for $8.00 from Prof. Ogden the amount to apply on account for board of Fannie Pearl and have credited her with that amount. The other accounts that have been paid in on her account have been duly credited to her and she holds the receipts for the same. Fannie wishes me to say to you that she is well and wishes to hear from you.

I can say that she is progressing very well in her studies and seems contented & happy.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time on any thing relating to Fannie's welfare while here and will answer any questions or explain any thing in connection with board tuition or which may not be fairly understood on application. With kind regards to your self & other friends in Memphis I remain

Very truly Yours [illegible] White Steward

Nov. 30th 69

Mrs. Lydia Carter.
713. 1st & Orange St.
St. Louis Mo.

Dear Madam

Sarah is in trouble about her box. I find from the receipt from the Express Co. that it was unproperly marked. It should have been "Sarah Carter. care Fisk University. Nashville Tenn." I send you the receipt again, & have written to the Express Agent at St. Louis. You 'd better call and see him and mention this letter, and see if he can not look the box up. It has not been received at the office in this city.

Please remember me kindly to Genl. Fisk if you see him. Hoping the search for the box may be successful. With kind regards

Very Truly Yours

Geo. L. White

Nov. 20th 69

Agent Adams Express Co.
St. Louis Mo.
Dear Sir:

On the 11th inst. a box was shipped by Frank Carter (Colored) No. 713 cor. 14th & Orange Sts. intended for Sarah Carter care of Prof John Ogden Fisk University Nashville. I wrote to St. Louis for the receipt & find that the box was marked "Ogden Fisceda" Nashville". It has not been received at the Office in Nashville. I write that you may if possible look up the box and forward the same to its proper destination.

Return the receipt to Frank Carter who will probably call at the office to see about it. You will confer a favor by endeavoring to find the box.

With great respect
Very truly Yours
Geo. L. White
Treas. F. U.

Nov 30 69

Thos. McClary Esq
West Alexander
Washington Co. Pa.

Dear Sir

A box containing a quantity of clothing forwarded to you has been rec'd by *us* through Rev. E. M. Cravath Secy at Cin't. I believe the articles were all as stated in your letter of transmittal & were in good order when rec'd. Many of the articles can be made useful in our School the others can go to the destitute. I have already given some of the clothing to a young man who is trying to work his way through College. It will add materially to his comfort & ability to pursue his studies. We are very grateful for this donation and hope you will still remember us. We are obliged to do a great work with *very limited means* but it is the Lords work & must go on. *Pray for us.*

Very respectfully Yours Geo. L. White

Treasurer

Dec 16th 69

Messrs. Wm. H. McLemore,
A. J. McLemore,
& M. E. Jefferson,
Springhill, Tenn.

Gentlemen:

Your note of 8th inst. is rec'd. In reply I would say that our means of aiding students are as yet very limited.

I intend to aid you — that is, as I proposed what may be necessary to enable you to complete your education, provided that you help yourself all you can — and that you continue in an earnest purpose to fully educate yourself & thus prepare for a life of usefulness among your people.

In regard to the others I must know more of them before I can give any assurance. If they can pay a portion of their expenses and from teachers or others [illegible] evidence and [illegible] we will certainly do what [illegible] can for them.

Very truly yours,
Geo. L. White

Shall be pleased [illegible]

Oct. 24. 69

Abram Smith Esq.

Dear Sir

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has been given for monday night. that you use your influence to give this [illegible] publicity — that we may have a good turn out.

With many thanks for your kind interest in our success in behalf of the Faculty

I have the honor to be

With great respect

Yours

Z. A. M. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Dec. 24. 69

Abram Smith Esq.

Dear Sir

Your note by Prof. Ogden of this date suggesting the postponement of the proposed exhibition of our entertainments until some other than Monday night has just been handed me for reply.

We appreciate your kind suggestion and will cheerfully postpone the entertainment until Tuesday night the [illegible]th inst.

We would respectfully request, that as notice has been given for Monday night, that you use your influence to give this change publicity — that we may have a good house etc.

With many thanks for your kind interest in our success in behalf of the Faculty

I have the honor to be

With great respect

Yours

Geo. L. White

Dec 29th. [illegible]

[illegible] Barker
Knoxville, Tenn

Dear [illegible] friend

Your letter asking if you could be admitted to school again was rec'd some days since. I [illegible] to [illegible] all [illegible] and $7 per [illegible] can allow and we will give you every accommodation in our power regarding the payment of your bill. I had hoped that you would be able to pay something on the old acct. Times are very hard & money scarce and it is hard for any to pay even a little but unless each one [illegible] pay all he or she can each month it makes it very difficult to keep up our expenses.

We shall be very much pleased to see you again, and as I said, help yourself all you can to be economical and we will accommodate you all we can, and [illegible] tell you to [illegible]

Very truly yours [illegible]

Dec. 29. [illegible]

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Secy at Cincinnati, Ohio
Dear Brother:

We are just through with our Holiday Entertainments – We were to considerable expense and labored hard – and as far as the performance was concerned succeeded in getting up our entertainment even better than heretofore. I hoped to make something handsome and we certainly ought to have made five hundred dollars – but owing to various adverse influences unforeseen and beyond our control, we have cleared expenses –

Owing to the failure to realize anything until lately over the last many weeks in our building department I am hard pressed for money – I have a note in bank due next Monday $300 – [illegible] nothing to meet it with – we have paid [illegible] [illegible] twice [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – I was very considerable about [illegible] – the people [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] payment — I will ~~settle~~ put all our affairs in shape by your arrival — so that you can see just how we stand — but mean while — we must pay our rent — and have something with which to stay the others creditors — Can you raise me $400? — If not — I can't see any way through —

I can arrange most of what is due Brown, to pay it off two or three months, by accepting his orders — and giving our obligations to ~~the parties~~ Browns Creditors —

With $400 I think I can bridge over the present difficulty — without it I am "stalled" —

I presume Prof has written of the Matron's dept.

All are comfortably well —

Respectfully Yours

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Edwd Johnson Esq
Care of A. F. [illegible] [illegible]
Memphis Tenn

Dear Sir,

[illegible] wishes me to write you concerning her expenses here for Boarding & c.

Enclosed is her bill up to Decr. 26th &c. There was a balance due from last year of $[illegible] I learned she [illegible] [illegible] home which she has repaid [illegible]

The balance from last year is unpaid [illegible]

Board from Sept. 26th to Dec. [illegible] 12 weeks at [illegible] [illegible]

Tuition for same time [illegible] 3.00

Making a total balance of $43.7[illegible]

In regard to payment of this I would say [illegible] charge for board &c. is not possible to [illegible] [illegible] — We have no funds to meet the expenses of the [illegible] department — and depend wholly upon what is paid by the students (or their friends) to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and very many of our students are behind in meeting their payment. This embarrasses our work very much. Lizzie has told me something of your circumstances and I am willing to give you all the accommodation possible in meeting these payments.

Lizzie spoke of your preferring to pay at the close of the term but did not seem to clearly understand what you could do. In view of the circumstances and if Lizzie pledges herself to become a teacher among her people for a length of time equal to that spent in the University we can give her time on a portion of her expenses — say 3 a mo — providing you can pay us the balance from time to time as she remains in school — or if you can pay the whole of it at the close of the term we will give you that accommodation. Please write me fully as to your circumstances and wishes in this regard and I will try and arrange it satisfactorily.

Lizzie was quite unwell for a time but is much better and is in school again. I think she is doing well in her studies.

Please write me at once. Very truly yours Geo. L. White
Treas.

[illegible]ville, [illegible]

Dear Sir,

I gave Susie a bill for her boarding expenses and tuition which she sent to you. The bill was as follows:

Board from Sep. 13th to Dec. 22nd	
[illegible] of 15 weeks at $2.75 per week	$41.25
Tuition in Grammar Sch. for same time	14.00
Total Amt.	$[illegible]

[illegible] passed through Susie the $[illegible] which you sent by [illegible]. You told her to pay her boarding with this and retain the balance. Thinking that you misunderstood the [illegible] or have not [illegible] it, I concluded to write to you this explanation. I enclose a receipt in full for the amount of Susie's bill — but as the balance is on the wrong side she will not have a great amount of spending money. Susie is doing well in her studies, and is lady-like and well behaved and has the confidence

[illegible] of her [illegible] has spoken to me about taking [illegible] lessons. [illegible] you desire her to take lessons? The price of music [illegible] rate [illegible] the expense. It will cost [illegible] per month [illegible] per week with use of the piano. The ordinary price for [illegible] instruction is just double that in this city [illegible] per month.

With kind regards

Very truly yours

Geo. [illegible]

[illegible]

Jany 5th 70

Rev. E. M. Cravath, Secy
76 Elm St. Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Brother:

I forward herewith enclosed bill of Wood & Simpson Boiler Makers including Plumbers bill for repairing one of the water backs in the Range. It leaked badly the first time we let the water into it — so that we were obliged to set pans under & continually dip out water to save the floor — The leaking continued until the day before Thanksgiving when it gave out entirely & flooded the kitchen — putting out the fire &c —

I took out the water back & the plumber tried to fix it by soldering but could not & we were obliged to take it to the boiler maker & have a new plate fitted at a cost as per bill — It was plainly a defect in the range when made (I can procure the certificate of both plumbers & boiler maker if necessary) and I think the parties from whom the range was purchased should make

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Jany 8th 70

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.

We use on an average 10 gals. Coal Oil per week — which costs here 45 cts by the barrel, & 50 cts at retail —

We use about 1 Barrel of flour in 6 days wh. costs here at present 6.50 — Butter is up now to 30 cents at whole sale — good beans cost here by the barrel from 4.50 to 5.50 per bushel — Good syrup 95 cts to 1.10 — We are using now about 150 bushels of coal per week. costing 22½ cts — Pittsburg coal would be cheaper at 27c — Lard is selling for 20 – 21 cts — Ordinary brown soap made here — 4.65 per box — We would like a ½ barrel of Mackerel —

You can send such supplies and in such quantities as may seem best from the state of the market there. And give such directions in regard to payment as you wish — Very truly yours

Geo. L. White

Jany. 12th 70

Jeff Collier Esq.
Florence Ala.

Dear Sir:

A young colored man of my acquaintance made some inquiry of me today relative to the expense of boarding &c at this Institution saying that he wished the information for you — Enclosed please find a circular of our school By it you will see that our terms are as follows — For Boarding including washing lights fuel & all necessary expenses — $2.75 per week — or 11.00 per month (4 weeks) — Tuition in the High school including the Normal & Preparatory Depts is about $1.25 per month — or 4. for 1st term. 4. for the second & 3. for the third — In the lower grades of the school the tuition is just 1.00 per month — Please let us hear from you.

Very respectfully Yours,

Geo. L. White
Treasurer —

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Jany. 12th '70

P. Pearl, Esq.
Memphis, Tenn.

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Geo. White
Treasurer

Geo L White

Jany. 12th '70

P. Pearl, Esqr.
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor of acknowledging hereby the receipt of Thirteen dollars — Five dollars in favor of Prof Ogden — for which you will find his receipt enclosed — and the balance — eight dollars for Fannie's Board — which is placed to her credit — and for which she has a receipt.

Very truly yours,

Geo L White
Treasurer

Jany 10th 70

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Secy. A. M. A. [illegible]

Dear Brother

I enclose herewith report for [illegible] Dec. 1869. The cost of boarding each person for the two months was about $2.72 per week. It would have been [illegible] had I purchased what was needed. I shall endeavor to keep my accts in a more satisfactory manner & hereafter give a more [illegible] & detailed [illegible].

Laura has been much worse since you were here. She is better today. She was threatened with congestion of the brain two days last week & was out of her [illegible] considerable. The storm blew down two strips of the single fence, about 25 feet in all.

I enclose the plan of the laundry & measures.

[illegible] is better, & [illegible] is working too hard. She is doing well [illegible] & gives satisfaction so far as I know.

Recd. [illegible] of this letter.

Very truly Yours
Geo. L. White

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Jany. 22 — 1

Rev. E. M. Cravath —

Dear Bro:

I recd notice sometime since of the shipment of certain boxes— one I think, from N.Y. containing books &c— the other or others— from Rev Coffin— with similar contents— I have not as yet recd the boxes— I have the duplicate bill of lading for a box shipped Nov. 10— the others I have not—

Very truly, Yours

Geo. L. White

Jany. 25th 70

J. N. Barnum Esq
48 Beal St
Memphis Tenn

Dear Bro—

I send enclosed to your care— a letter & bill of R. R. Church. It seems to me that he might by this time to pay at least the money I loaned [illegible] out of my own purse to get Laura home— Please do what you can to collect it for me—

Some of us will try & go to Memphis soon: what will be the best time?

How are you & yours— Laura has been sick almost all the year, so far— the boys are fat & hearty. Father & Mother Barnums came here— since Nov. 15— will stay until spring— School is prosperous

Very truly Geo. L. W

A. M. A. [illegible]
FISK UNIV.

Jany. [illegible]

R. R. Church, Esq.
Care J. M. [illegible]
Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith bill for the expense of Laura attending school. I am very much in need of the money & hope you will be able to pay it.

Last summer – when [illegible] sent the money – or a part of it – I was absent at the North. We had made arrangements for the money to be paid to Mr [illegible] in Memphis to avoid delays & trouble. You will please pay the amount to him & he will receipt the bills.

With kind regards to Laura & yourself
Very respectfully yrs.
J. [illegible]

[illegible]

July 21st

Hiram Smith Esq
City -

Dear Sir

I have the honor to hand you herewith enclosed bill of Thomas [illegible] for the 2nd term commencing Jany 3rd closing March 24th 1870 receipted in full - with a balance of $41.00 to his credit -

Very Truly Yours
Geo L White
Treas. F.U.

Ans'd

Jany 29 70

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Secy. Cin. O.

Dear Brother, I forward herewith a proposition by A. B. Shankland to transfer to the Trustees a piece of land thought to be suitable for the permanent location of the University. The river is the southern boundary — & the bank rises almost perpendicularly — forming a bold high bluff — from this it slopes northwardly — sufficient to give a high commanding spot for building — 12 acres on the west side — is suitable the remainder, principally [illegible] purposes. It has a few [illegible] on it — is fenced with stone on the west side — and has on it two small houses — one by the [illegible] suitable for a [illegible]. It is difficult of access from the [illegible] [illegible] Land can be purchased [illegible] [illegible] on the South [illegible] — I am not very enthusiastic over it — as a desirable location. Mr [illegible] is rather against it [illegible] [illegible] Proprietors [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] could [illegible] [illegible] away the paper [illegible] you [illegible] make a [illegible] [illegible] if possible [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Jany. 31st 70

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Brother

In regard to the reports of the Students who have been teaching and who have failed to receive their pay- I find that it will be almost impossible to obtain the report are required by the Bureau as the registers are at a distance, for the most part. & there seems to be no one able to draw the necessary information from them & put in the form required. The best I can do will be to make an approximate report as to details - the totals will be correct - as all remember the main points -- I spoke to Col Thompson about the matter & he does not seem clear in regard to it -- Will it answer your purpose if I consolidate the five reports (monthly) on one blank - Yours truly - Geo L. White

July 14 70

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[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

We have now about 250 young men & women training here - most of whom are preparing to teach at present -

We appreciate his mother's desire for the girl to become educated and able to do good in the world - our school is established to help girls such cases. We have no fund with which to meet deficiencies in the training department: but by rigid care and economy - we are enabled to put the cost of attending school here at about one half the usual price -

Very respectfully -

Geo. L. White

Treas. Fisk University

Feby - 14th 70

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Secy. Dear Bro:

Wm. L. Murfree a citizen of Nashville owns a large plantation in [illegible] Bolivar Co. Miss. — which is worked by colored men. The foreman or leader of this party [illegible] Maury claims that a white man of good character & who will do a general mission work [illegible] also as a teacher. Mr. Murfree says that they will support a school & furnish & give the use of a double log house for a school room and the use of the organ while the [illegible] in the log house for the teachers room. He says that a female teacher will not do & the people prefer a white man for the present. My impression is that a good healthy young man would do a good work for them. The way & not well [illegible] for it. Have you looked at [illegible] anyone tist who would go there — or is it out of your dominion? We now have three paying students from there. & more who want to come — Please write me at once about this — as Mr. Murfree is quite anxious — that a school should be started —

Very truly yours,

Geo. L. White

P.S. you did not send bill for the flour —

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Feby. 14th [illegible]

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro. I forward herewith [illegible] for these bills — [illegible] impossible [illegible] to make [illegible]. The statement of my family expenses [illegible] make it [illegible] it entirely impossible [illegible] of [illegible]. The [illegible] full high [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] mistakes — The goods [illegible] higher than I expected — You did not [illegible] for flour — [illegible] the difficulty of which I wrote — have you any? [illegible] money [illegible] this matter [illegible] — [illegible] the Acct of these bills [illegible] at the first [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Laura has been very sick a part of the time. is now better [illegible] & was able to sit up. Mother is not feeling very strong — Father is better than usual.

It will be impossible for me to make these School reports in any shape that will [illegible] It requires some [illegible] blanks filled out. & I haven't the time or information necessary to do it —

Very truly Yours

Geo. L. White

Geo. L. White. Treas

Febry. 21st 70

Mrs. Rachel Ferguson
Knoxville Tenn

Dear Madam

Your letter of Febry. 3d was handed me by Prof. Ogden - for reply - some days ago - I enclose herewith circulars from which you will learn that our charge for boarding is $2.75 per week - or $11.00 per month. (4 weeks) - Her tuition is $1.25 per month - The boarding includes table board - furnished room - washing - lights - fuel - conveniences for bathing &c and is given at the lowest possible prices to save ourselves - Please try & make your payments as promptly as possible - as it is a very difficult matter to keep up our boarding Dept - at the prices for which we furnish board -

It is best to send money in Post Office Orders payable to Geo. L. White - to avoid losses -

Ellen is well & doing very well - with kind regards very truly yours
Geo. L. White.

Geo. L. White

Feby. 2nd 70

Tribune Company -
N. Y. City -
Gentlemen:

Find encl'd four dollars - for which please send the Semi-Weekly Tribune such time as this amount will pay for -
The paper is for the reading room of the ~~school~~ - connected with our Boarding Dept.
Our School numbers upwards of 300 - and is growing to its name as fast as may be - indeed faster than any would have anticipated.
We have had the present year 53 students - mostly from abroad, in the Boarding Dept - these are organized into one family - and are brought as far as possible under the refining & elevating influences - which are found in our Northern Christian homes.
For this "Home" we very much need reading matter - Books & Papers - I am not on a begging expedition - and simply add - any favors in this regard are thankfully received - & accomplish great good -

Very respy - Yours &c Geo. L. White - Treas.

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Feby 22d. 70

Williams Cross. Esq.
Clinton. Tenn.
Dear Sir,

Your letter to Prof Ogden of Jany. 25th — was duly recd — We were glad to hear from you. We have watched your progress since you left us with a great deal of interest, and I assure you William that it gives us great joy to see you entering upon a life of usefulness — which we hope & trust may only end — when old age — crowned with honor and respect — shall have made you "a boy again" — and you are called like a shock of corn fully ripe — to the Master's garners — We hope you may not be delayed in getting pay for your school teaching — and that we may see you at school again soon. Our school is large and interesting — & the Students are progressing rapidly in their studies —

With kind regards to yourself & all friends
Very truly yours — Geo. L. White Treas.

[redacted]

Feby 23d 70

W. L. Mearfee, Esq
No 38 Mont hall St.
City –

Dear Sir,

I have rec'd a letter from Rev. E. M. Cravath – Secy of Am. Miss. Assoc. – at Cin – saying that he will endeavor to send a teacher to Glencoe and expressing the hope that a Mr. John Kincaid of Memphis – would be willing to go.

I have also rec'd a letter from Mr. Kincaid in which he expresses a willingness to go but states that he shall have to leave a good situation there, in a pecuniary point of view. And as he is not now in the employ of the Society – & will have to depend wholly for his support on what they can pay him on the plantation – He desires more definite & certain information than I can give him. He is willing to sacrifice something – but not to [illegible] much –

Very respy Yours
Geo. L. White
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Aug —

Miss Maria Johnson
Bowling Green Ky

Apr. 29	To Balance due on previous bill	3 04	
	" Board of 4th term	41 25	
	" Tuition in High School	5 00	
	" Instruction Book - Richardson's M.	2 75	
	" Inst. on piano - 21 Lessons @ 50	10 50	
	" Books	1 00	
	" Cash	3 00	
	" Cash by Prof. Ogden	5 00	$71 54
	Contra Cr		
Apr 30	By Cash paid Prof Ogden by Peter Johnson Esq		40 00
			$31 54

Peter Johnson Esq. Bowling Green Ky

Dear Sir

Above please find bill for the Expenses of Maria's attending school during the term — from which you will see that there is a balance due us of $31.54 — 14.75 of this Amount is for money loaned — or paid out either by myself or Prof Ogden — personally — We need the money very much — & respectfully request that you remit the amount at your earliest convenience —

With kind regards to yourself & family — & to Maria —

Very truly Yours Geo. L. White

Feby. 23d 70

Miss Sarah Carter -
St. Louis - Mo -

Dear pupil & friend -

I enclose herewith your bill as requested - By direction of the Faculty - I have added the amount appropriated to you ex from the Peabody fund last year - ($8.00)

The total amount is 81.75 - less amount paid 48.00 leaves a balance due of $33.75 -

Please remit the amount in P.O. order - payable to me - at your earliest convenience -

We are all comfortably well - The School is very full - and new scholars are coming in - we have 2 new teachers for the Primary dept - We gave a Concert a week ago which was well attended - & very successful - We miss you very much -

All join me in kind regards to yourself & friends -

I hope you are pleasantly situated - & well & happy -

Very Truly Yours Geo. L. White
Treas

Febry 4th

[illegible] Martin
St Louis Mo

Sept.	29	To Boarding — 1st term from Sept 18 — to Decr 31 — 15 weeks @ [illegible]	41 25	
		To Tuition — 1st term — Grammar School	4 00	
		" Cash — paid express chgs on box	1 00	
		" Inst. in music — piano — 20 lessons	10 00	
1870 Feby	4	" Board from Decr 25, 1869 — to Feby 4 — 1870 — 6 weeks — a 2,75	16 50	
"	4	To Tuition one month	1 00	
"	4	" Amount of aid granted from Peabody Fund last year — under pledge to remain & qualify herself for a Teacher	8 00	81 75
		Credit		Cr
1869 Septr	23	By Cash	9 00	
Nov 1870	9	" "	15 00	
Jany	4	" "	14 00	
"	14	" "	10 00	48 00

Bal. due Feby 4, 1870 — 33 75

[illegible]

Feby 27th [illegible]

John [illegible] & Co
Wholesale Grocers
Boston Mass

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find draft on N.Y. for [illegible] in payment for [illegible] Bill.

The box was rec'd in good order — and gives good satisfaction I believe.

With many thanks for the favor —

Very Truly Yours,
Jacob [illegible]

March [illegible]

[illegible] McDaniel
[illegible] Co. Miss

To Board of John McDaniel Jr from Feby [illegible] to close of 3rd term – June 10 – in all
17 weeks @ $2.75 per week — 46 75
To Tuition in Model School – 4 mos – 4 00 50 75

Contra Cr
Feby [illegible] By Cash per [illegible] 30 00

Balance unpaid at close of school June 10 $20 75

March 18 9

To [illegible]
[illegible] Co. Miss

To Board of Humphrey [illegible] from Feby [illegible] to close of 3rd term June 10. 1870
all 17 weeks @ $2.75 per week 46 75
To Tuition in Model School – 4 months – 4 00
50 75

Contra Cr
Feby [illegible] By Cash for Humphrey [illegible] [illegible]

Balance unpaid at close of school June 10 $25 75

March 5. 70

Bvt. Lt. Col. O. E. Compton.
Supdt of Education. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Nashville. Tenn

Colonel:
I have the honor to forward herewith enclosed Monthly Reports of a School taught by Mary Barnes-Colored- in the 25th Civil Dist. of Davidson County. for five months commencing July 7th. 1869.

She was employed by the Local School Board of that Dist. to teach under the (then) State Law. As yet she has received no compensation- and as far as she has information is not likely to receive any. We have in School some ten or twelve cases similar to this. The young people have taught school & depended on their wages- for means to enable them to pursue their studies. Can they not be taken up as Bureau teachers and paid a small amount each- as rental- or otherwise- in lieu of the salary promised by the State - to enable them to pursue their studies - provided that if they receive their salaries hereafter the amounts so paid by the Bureau shall be used by the American Missionary Association for educational purposes?

If any thing can be done for these Student teachers in this regard - please furnish me with the requisite blank reports - & I will endeavor to have them properly filled up & forwarded.

With due respect
Very truly Yours
[illegible]
[illegible]

March 1st 73

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Secy. &c. Cin. Ohio.

Dear Bro,
I enclose herewith the $500 R.R. Bond - with power of Atty - Messrs Cary and Lawrence were quite clear as to the requirements of the Bond - so that it is transferred both by assignment and power of Attorney -

In regard to a teacher for Okolona Miss - I had a note from Kincaid - saying that he could go - if he was not required to sacrifice too much - premising he would have to leave a good situation to go - I should judge that the man you mentioned last had better go - Mr Murfree - has been absent from the city some days - I will attend to it on his return & write again - We have two more students from the same [illegible] - they came yesterday having [illegible] letters for a few days - [illegible] not necessarily well - write kind regards -

Very truly yours - Geo. L. White

[illegible]

March [illegible]

[illegible] Esq
No 77. Alabama Street
Memphis Tenn

Dear Sir,

[illegible] reached us safely this evening. Your letter has been handed me by [illegible] I enclose a bill for travel & [illegible] of [illegible] amounting to [illegible]

Our charges for board & [illegible] you will find by the [illegible] including [illegible] fuel, lights, washing [illegible] per month.

The best way to send the money is by a Post Office order payable to the [illegible] It is safe & [illegible]

Very respectfully
Yours

[illegible]
[illegible]

March 23. 70

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Sec'y Cin. O.
Dear Bro.

I saw Mr. Murphy today and had a talk about the school. He seems very much interested in having a good school on the [illegible] and thinks that one started by the right kind of a man might grow to a large self-sustaining school. He said to me that he would give them the [illegible] of good land - and aid in the construction of a good house if the school should be successful. He is anxious for a man - who will do a firm Christian work and who will not dabble in politics. There is no large colored population there, but few whites, the colored people are doing very well.

In regard to the teacher's salary - Mr. Murphy thinks that he had better wait & consult with the leading men there - and fix it at a fair compensation & let him collect it as tuition -

He had better take bedding with him – and a supply of books – papers – stationery – chalk &c &c – everything he will need that he can carry. He will go by boat – and leave at Eleanor Landing – Choctaw Bend – Miss. The store keeper at the landing will give him all necessary information as to the locality of the Murfree plantation. At the plantation he will inquire for Frank Murray – who is one of the head men among the colored race. He will make arrangements for the school. The teachers will for the time occupy Mr Murfree's private room – but he says that he will have a room prepared for him in the school-room – for permanent use.

I think that a rich field is open there – and that a great work may be done.

Mr. Murfree is deacon in the first Baptist Church here – and is a man of wealth & influence. He is connected with the Murfrees & Maneys here in Rutherford Co. Murfreesboro was named from the family – I have not written to Mr Kincaid yet. You can decide which to send. Of course it will not be a money making enterprise – but I think a good man will be well sustained – He will have to do a general work –

The Peabody money has not come – The State appropriation for teachers does not come – & I am pinched all around – Very truly Yours Geo L White

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March 8th 70

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Secy. Amer. Miss. Asso.

Dear Brother,

I forward herewith enclosed reports of Teachers & Schools of this State who have taught school in this State under the late school law, and who remain unpaid wholly or in part for their services.

Please report these to Col. Compton - Supt. of Education State of Tenn. on Schedule of Schools and Rentals and Ed. Form S. S. marked Supplemental. Give in the column "Remarks" a full history of each case regarding the pay [illegible] expected by the State from the school fund.

Also please give a written guarantee that the amount received from the State - by the teachers in lieu of that for which this money is paid by the Bureau - when received, shall be devoted to Educational purposes in Tenn. I will meanwhile prepare reports on the Teachers Blank & file in Col. Compton's office.

I think there is no prospect of getting this paid -

Fraternally Yours Geo. L. White

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1 **B. M. Holmes** - taught in the 8th Civil district of Davidson County (J. R. McKee Supt.) from July 21. 1869 - to Dect 8th 69 - in all 5 mths. was promised 30 dollars per month - $150 in all. Has as yet received nothing. Supt. has been applied to several times - says there is no money in the Treasury - but there may be some time -

2 **Wm. H. McLemore** - taught in the 23d Civil District of Maury Co. (Spring hill) as asst. to Rev. Henry C. Eddy - from July 18th to Sept. 28th - two months in all - was to receive $30. per month - has received nothing - (Rev. Wm Mack - is Supt.)

3 **L. Roberts** - taught in the 10th Civil Dist of Hawkins Co. - (A. W. Anderson Supt.) from 12 July to Octr. 12. 1869 - 3 months - at $25. per mo. Has received about ½ his pay. No money in the treasury to pay the remainder

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3 Richard Fulford – taught in 4th Civil Dist. (Linden) of Perry County – (Ed. M. Taylor, Supt.) from April 1 '69 to Aug. 1st '69 – in all 4 months – at the [illegible] for two months & $28 for the remainder – the 5 months were taught under the [illegible] of 27th – seem to have been supported by subscription – See $110 yet due him – No money –

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4 John W. Burns – taught in the 11th Civ. Dist. School No. 2 – Davidson Co. (J. W. McKee Supt.) from Aug. 16 '69 to Jany. 1 1870 – in all 5 months & 6 days – Nothing paid as yet & $200 due – Supt. says he will get it sometime, likely –. No money now in Treasury –

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5 Jas. D. Burns – taught in 19th Civ. Dist – Davidson Co. (McKee Supt.) from July 5 '69 to Nov. 20th '69 – 4 months [illegible] five months has received the – $190 yet due him – No money in Treasury

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6 Saml. Grant – taught in 8th Civil Dist. of Bradley County – W. C. Albert Supt.

from Aug 17. 1867 to Jany. 1st. 69 — in all 5 mos. @ $18.00 per month.
Has received $50 — has $39. due —,
can get no satisfactory information about the matter —

7 Phebe J. Carsteare — taught in 9th Civ. Dist. (Pleasant Grove) Knox County — (M. C. Wilcox Supt.) from Aug 1. to Dec. 20. '69 — in all 5 months.
Has received no pay —
Co. Supt. promised it in January but can learn nothing further regarding it —

8 Mary J. Barnes — taught in the 25th civil district of Davidson Co — ([illegible] Supt.) from July 7. to Dec. 24. 69 — in all 5 months — @ $28. per month — Has received no pay —
The money is Missing —

9 — Ann Dickerson taught in 11th civil Dist. Hamilton County — (E. O. Tade Supt.) from July 4. 1868 to Octo. 11th 68 — 3½ months @ [illegible] per month — board —
No pay yet — can get no satisfaction —

10. Isaac Evans - taught in 21st Civ. Dist of Hawkins County - (J. R. Bryant, Supt.) from June 1st to Dec. 21. in all - 6 months. He contracted with the local directors - using the State fund. for 6 months school - at $60. per mo. after teaching a few weeks - he was stopped by them - as they said, there would be no money to pay him - & if he taught longer he must get a subscription school - He taught the 6 mos. - a subscription school - but failed to get more than one third of the amount promised him -

11. William Cross taught school at Bean Station Grainger County - from (about) August 15th '69 to Jany. 1st 1870 - in all five months - @ $30 per month - Nothing paid yet.

12. Josephine Woods

March [illegible] 13

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Secy. Amer [illegible]

I forward herewith statements of schools taught by students of Fisk University in the State under the late school laws, and who remain unpaid either wholly or in part for their services. These students are being kept in school by us at great [illegible] inconvenience in consequence of their being unable to pay their bills. The aggregate of their indebtedness to us amounts now to between [illegible] & [illegible].

I send this information to enable you to report these schools to Col. C. E. Compton, Supt. of Edn. Bureau for this State, who directs as follows:

"Report these schools to Rev. E. M. Cravath, Secy. Amer [illegible]
" requesting that he report the same to Col. Compton, Supt.
" of Education, Tenn. on Schedule of Schools & Rented Rooms
" (Ed. Form 5.) marked "Supplementary" – giving in
" column "Remarks" a full history of each case
" regarding the pay of the teachers being withheld by the
" State – With the Schedule the Association should
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(over)

"forward a written guarantee that the amount coming "from the State of Tenn. when received - shall be "devoted to the education of Freedmen in this "State."

I am also to file reports of these schools for each month in this office - I shall try & get this done by the time you can get the others - (Form 5) made out. The "full history of each case" is simply this, the teachers complied with the law - and have failed to receive their pay - because no money has been provided with which to pay them. & now the matter is so complicated by the change in the laws - that it is quite probable that they will lose it altogether.

I am not instructed as to the information required by the blank - Form 5 - if any thing should be lacking in the enclosed memoranda - perhaps you had better send the reports through me to S.C. - & I can then supply any lack there may be -

We hear nothing from "Peabody" yet -

The School is begun & the seats are all full—
Laura has had another bad spell—worse than any
previous one— The Dr. thinks the same trouble that was
set on her appetite last year or years before is
in the inner coating of the stomach—a continual
running sore—something in the form of an abscess
It causes her most intense suffering & distress both
of body & mind—
She is more comfortable tonight.
Miss Semple & Miss Stratton are both nearly
sick—
I will send one more case next month. Miss
Josephine Moody— It is warm & pleasant
this morning— My report is delayed
partly because of Laura's sickness—& partly
because—bills for July are not in—so I
have waited & pushed them off—hoping to
get—money either from these teachers or
the P. O. It will be forth coming soon

Very truly yours
Geo. L. White

Geo. L. White . . .

March 10. 70

William Cross. Esq.
Clinton. And. Co. Tenn.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith inclosed five blanks - one for each month you taught school. will you please make me out a report of your school for each month taught - giving the changes from month to month - Make the report for each Calendar month on a separate blank - that is - if you commenced school the middle of Aug. make your first report for the remainder of that month - the next report for Septr. & so on - Perhaps you had better get Miss Duffie if she is there - or Mr. McGaffey - or some other person who understands this report business to aid you. Please State in your letter whether or not you have received any pay from the State as yet -

I ask this as a favor - and it will be to your advantage and ultimately sure to have them, in case the State fails to pay you for teaching. Please make these out immediately by return mail if possible - as it is quite necessary that I have them at once - Very truly, yours Geo. L. White

Geo. L. White

March 19th 70

Mrs. Rachel Ferguson
Knoxville. Tenn.

Dear Madam,

Yours of 8th instant is received with six dollars enclosed — which is credited to Ella's account.

Ella is a good girl and is doing very well in school I believe — and we will do what we can for her. We have at the best but very limited means for helping any one — and the list was full when Ella came, but as she is here, and is so well started in her studies — I will make this proposition — If you will pay me six dollars every month — I will give you time to pay the remainder in monthly payments as you may be able. Ella will soon be able to teach, and do something in the way of helping herself.

The young people from Knoxville are well & send regards.

Remember us kindly to [illegible] North — people if you know them. Laura [illegible] & other friends there. Very truly yours Geo. L. White

March 14th

We have been using Perkins & House's Non-Explosive Kerosene Lamp in this institution, for the past six months. We have from 40 to 50 Lamps of three different sizes in constant use night and morning, and have thoroughly tested them, especially as to safety. and can say most emphatically that for Safety, durability, cleanliness, and the clearness, strength and brilliancy of light, and economy in the use of oil they have no equal in the line of Lamps.

John Ogden
Principal.

Secy Bd of Trustees.
Geo. L. White
Treas.

March 2nd

Hon. J. T. Rapier
Box 210. – Montgomery, Ala
Dear Sir

Your favor of 31st relative to the money for the boarding &c of Thomas Rapier in the Normal. He is still here. There was some talk of his leaving, but Dr. [illegible] tells me that at the suggestion of the [illegible] he has had him medically examined and recommended that he be relieved of a part of his duties & that with this modification he thinks he will get along well, and will be as well off here as anywhere – & furthermore, as Thomas was put here by your direction, he will only be dismissed at your request. He is in better health, I think, and better contented. The bill I enclose herewith.

With great respect
Very truly yours
Geo. L. White

April 1st

J. S. [illegible] Esq.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]ville, Tenn

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 28th ult. has been handed me [illegible] [illegible] shows the [illegible] [illegible] has you will [illegible] the need of attending school here. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] before [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] students [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them preparing to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] useful, and who are willing to [illegible] themselves to the utmost of their ability. If you [illegible], we [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] to pay for the term commencing [illegible] — April 4th — and by it [illegible] the [illegible] better [illegible] to the future. It is very [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] all who are deserving — & must [illegible] — to the utmost of our ability.

We shall be glad to have you attend school here for the Spring term if you wish — & will do the best we can for you. Should you then decide to continue in school.

Please notify us if you decide to come at once — as we desire to arrange for any new students, at the commencement of the term.

Very respectfully yours

Treasurer

April 2d

Mrs. Emily [illegible]
Fayetteville, Tenn
Dear Madam—

Your letter of inquiry regarding [illegible] was duly rec'd and I trust ere this you have heard from her personally—and that she will be more prompt in writing in the future.

I enclose herewith bill for her board during the 2d term including the two vacations + for her tuition. She has received instruction in music amounting to $7.2. Please remit the amount due as soon as convenient as collections come in slowly this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]—

Very Respectfully Yours
[illegible]

April 4th

Bvt. [illegible] Esq
Supt. Education
Nashville. Tenn

Colonel,

I inclose herewith reports for the school taught by [illegible] at Spring Hill.

The reports of Miss Mary [illegible] were the first forwarded to you [illegible] March.

The reports of the school taught by Mrs. [illegible]. I have not yet [illegible] Report of the school [illegible] made each month to [illegible] at [illegible] I have written for duplicates but have not yet received [illegible].

I hope that you find the reports to be all correct.

Very Respectfully,
[illegible]

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

April 6th .

Jno Rapier

To balance bill rendered [illegible] 05

[illegible]
Paid in full, per James T. Rapier
Montgomery Ala

Geo. L. White
Treasurer

Jas. T. Rapier Esq
Montgomery Ala
Dear Sir,

Yours favor of 2d inst — with accompanying Enclosure — was rec'd this day — Above is the bill receipted. I shall be pleased to furnish Thomas anything he may need, as you request. Prof Ogden has personal charge of the young men & I will mention the matter to him.

Our School was never more prosperous than now.

Very respectfully yours,
Geo L White
Treas

No. A.M.A. ARCHIVES
FISK UNIV.

April 03.

Rev. W. [illegible] Esq.
Cornersville. Tenn

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 2[illegible] inst. just received.

You can remain as you desire or teach until the close of the year, June 1st. I will give you the necessary time to make payment. You know our circumstances and I shall expect you to use all diligence & pay at the first opportunity.

We shall be glad to see you again, & hope your School has been successful and that you have done great good in our Master's work.

Very truly Yours,

Geo. L. White
Treas.

April 6th

Wm. L. Murfree, Esq.
Dear Sir:

Yours favor of yesterday is received. I wrote immediately to Cincinnati after the conversation which we had on the street regarding the teacher for Florence, and requested Mr. Cravath to send on the teacher at once and supposed he had done so until about a week later when he called here on his way South. He stated that the man he had in mind for the place had an offer of a good situation to teach in Ohio. He held it off for a few days but as my letter was delayed on account of your absence he finally accepted the offer there before he received my letter. The other man we had in mind is Mr. [illegible] now employed in the Post Office at Memphis at a very good salary. He is a young man trying to finish his education for the ministry. He is anxious to finish his studies. He would like to go to Florence to work but wishes to know just what he can depend or in the way of salary. If the people on your plantation would fix upon some amount which they are able and willing to pay - and will take measures to secure the payment of the same it would aid us very much in securing the services of a good man - and we would not wish to send any other. Mr Cravath could send some one - at once - but not the right one - He is now in Cincinnati - and I will write to him at once. On receipt of ~~you~~ a letter from you giving your opinion of the case as it now stands - and what had better be done - I could send - (I think) a good substantial colored man from our schools, if it should be best. I think Mr Kincaid would go - if his salary would be sufficient to enable him to save something that he can prosecute his studies in College hereafter - I will write him on the subject at once - I feel that a good work can be done there - and am very anxious that the right man should go.

Very Respectfully
Geo. L. White

April 6th

Henry Hunt Esq
4 Beale St. Memphis Tenn

Dear Sir,

I forward herewith inclosed the account for Fred's and Blair's board & tuition - up to April 1st - As I had no directions other than that given by the Rev - I followed that - and applied the amounts paid me from time to time first to liquidate the acct. of Blair and the balance to Fred - Fred did work in our Night school amounting to [illegible] which I have credited him with - which together with the balance cash after paying Blair's acct - has paid his indebtedness to within $30.50 - Rev. Ogden loaned him 10 & I loaned him 5 for his expenses home - making a total of $45.50. Fred will understand the acct - & explain anything that may need it - The money loaned I wish returned as soon as practicable - the balance - $30.00 - I can give you time on should it be necessary - until Fred can teach a school - or in some way provide the money for payment.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. M.A.S.
FISK UNIV.

Permit me to say that we are all much grieved that it was necessary for Thad to go home. We respect him for his abilities and general promptness and good conduct - and it is our continual prayer that he may be shown the right way - may see it - walk therein - and may as is still his privilege - finish his education and become a strong, noble - useful Christian man - a power in behalf or right - an honor to his people - We expect just this -

With kind regards to all friends in Memphis - yourself & family -

Very truly yours

Geo. L. White

P.S. Blair is well & doing well - He is in need of six dollars to pay for 2 pairs of shoes and a hat. He came to me thought to furnish him with the money - but I haven't it which I can spare at present. You will please him much - to furnish him with it -

G. L. W.

April: 16th

Wales Monteith & Co
Chattanooga Tenn.
Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith "at last" draft on F.M.S & T. Co for forty seven dollars & sixteen cents ($47.16) the amount of your bill against F. U.

I am sorry to have kept you waiting so long — hope that some day — in "the good time coming" — our ability to pay our debts will equal our good will —

Can you send us 2 doz. Hillards 4th readers & one doz. of Knapps ink — ?

We had a rousing meeting in honor of 15th Amendment in Chapel last night — House full — All comfortably well & flourishing —

Very truly yours. Geo. L. White

April 19.

G. Harvey, Esq.
Burnsville, Miss.

Dear Sir:

At request of the Principal I enclose herewith bill for Napoleon's Board & Tuition to close of the present School year, amounting to $33.25 –

Napoleon placed on deposit with me Twelve dollars – the amt sent for his transp. home – He has since drawn some six or seven dollars of this – to buy a pair of shoes – & other articles of clothing which he was needing – The balance of the deposit can be reserved for the purchase of such things as he may stand in need of – or credited on this account as you may direct –

Very truly yours,
Geo. L. White,
Treasurer

April 20.

James T. Rapier, Esq.
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir

Thomas Rapier applied to me for some clothing. I requested Rev. Ogden to examine his wardrobe & if he thought that he was really requiring clothes to purchase for him. He did so, and has supplied him with a pair of plain light goods suitable for school wear, & also with a pair of suspenders and [illegible]. I send you herewith inclosed bill for the same as you requested.

Thomas is well and seems very contented & prosperous [illegible] before the final settlement [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Very respectfully

April. 22.

O. Ditson & Co.
277. Washn St. Boston
Gentlemen:

I respectfully ask permission to re-print from [illegible] [illegible] - 2d Book - the words of "Our Native Land" on [illegible]" page 131. for use at a Celebration in honor of the ratification of the 15th Amendment - to be held here on the 4th day of May next.

If you do not hold the copyright please refer this to the parties who do.

Very respectfully
Geo. L. White

April 22 5.

Harper Brothers
Publishers
327 Broadway N.Y.
Gentlemen

I respectfully request to reprint from "Happy Hours" the words to "The Flag" [illegible] "The Flag of the Free" for use at the Celebration of the Ratification of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution - to be held in this City - on the 4th day of May next -

Very respectfully yours
Geo. L. White

April 22, 0

Biglow & Main
Publishers
425 Broome St N.Y.

Gentlemen — I have the honor to request permission to republish the words & the Anthem "Exalt him all ye people" from Fresh Laurels — for use at the celebration of the ratification of the 15 Amendment to the Constitution to be held in this city on the 4th day of May. Yours

Very respectfully
Geo. L. White

May 5th.

Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Brother:

Laura is lying very sick — worse than she has been at any time before. She seems comfortable — & we hope she is permanently better this morning. If she continues to improve now, we shall move her northward just as soon as she has sufficient strength —

What am I to do for money? Has that application to the Bureau failed entirely? I am so involved for want of that money that I can hardly keep the machine running. Those teachers can't get their money — If we turn them out of school it will about break up the college classes —

Laura has been so sick that I haven't been able to do much more than give attention to the every day duties that keep us going — & so collections are slow coming in.

Is there any prospect of getting that money?

Very truly, Geo. L. White

May 5th

[illegible] Hunt Esq
Dear Sir:

Your kind letter was duly received. My wife has been lying very ill for many days & I have not been able to attend to any business at all. This is why I have not written or made any arrangements to come to Memphis.

I hope to hear from Mr. Barnum soon. then I can tell better what to do.

The 15th Amendment was celebrated here yesterday by a grand procession – Speeches &c. The young people are all well. With kind regards to all.

Very truly yours,
Geo. [illegible]

May 8th

Mrs. Ann Everett
Maysville,
Dear Madam:-

Permit me to call your attention to the promise you made me to settle the balance of that bill & make arrangements for the board of your son for the remainder of the term - as soon as you got home - Some weeks have elapsed & I hear nothing from you -

We are involved for many hundred dollars by such debts and we cannot increase them.

It is decided by the Faculty to send your children to your friends until this matter is settled. Their return to school will depend entirely upon your action in the matter -

Very respectfully yours
Geo. L. White

May 7th

[illegible], Esq.
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss Coll

Dear Sir - In consequence of continued sickness in my family - and the increase of care - I have not written to you as often as I intended - You will pardon me - I know, as the boys are beginning to write their own letters - & you hear directly from them - The young people are all doing very well indeed, in their studies - & seem contented.

I write specially at this time - in regard to the stay of the young people through vacation - They can stay - at the same terms - as now - that is $2.75 - per week for board & 1.00 per month for tuition -

The "Home" will be kept open for them - and a competent teacher will be provided & they can have better opportunity for study than during the regular term - when there are so many in School.

I inclose herewith bills for the balances due on all the accounts up to close of the term - June 10th - Please see the other gentlemen - and have the amount sent altogether. by a Post Office Money order - payable to me - or by Express. I have furnished each of the gentlemen with a bill showing all the claims and only send this as a memorandum. We are very much in need of money, just as the time draws near its close - and you will oblige me very much - by seeing the gentlemen & pushing & forwarding the amount now due.— I have used every exertion to send you a good teacher, but I have failed to get just the man for the place - & so did not send any. We hope you have secured a good teacher, but if not we will try again - at some future time. Please answer this directly and give me your wishes in regard to the young people staying during the Summer.

The total amt. due on all the bills is 126.85

With kind regards to all our friends.

Very truly yours.

	Allen Hughey — Dr		
	To Balance due on bill rendered —	32 75	
July [illegible]	" Cash paid for one pair of shoes.	2 00	
	Bal. due on Allen Hughey a/c		34 75
	John McDaniel — Dr		
	To Balance due on bill rendered		30 75
	David Jones — Dr		
	To Balance due on bill rendered		25 75
	Wm. H. Mumford — Dr		
	To Balance due on bill rendered		35 60
	Total amt. due from [illegible] —		$ 126 85

May 16th

Mrs Ann Slaughter
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam,

That part of your letter of the 12th inst. relating to Mary Wallace's acct. for board, tuition & instruction in music, the past school year has been referred to me by Professor Ogden for reply. But he requests me to say that he will write you at his earliest leisure. He is very busy just now, having been absent some days. I enclose Mary's bill, as requested.

I have made the bill just as light as possible. What we charge for music, for example, just about pays the rent of pianos & organs. & 2.50 per week for board, furnished room, lights, fuel, washing &c. &c. is, you will know, as little as it could be furnished for in a city like this. For the last charge for music on the bill I only charge her for one quarter - 24 lessons - tho' she really had 29 lessons -

The total amount now due is $[illegible]
I make no charge at all for her stay during vacation last Summer - altho' she occupied a room most of the time - & boarded at my table several weeks -

Please remit the amount of her bill by Post office order - payable to me - or by draft -

I am very much in need of money, as it is drawing near the close of the year when all my notes must be settled up - I shall be very much obliged if you can meet this bill soon -

With kind regards -
Very truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas

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May 16th

( ) in May Wallace –

Sept. 1869.	To balance from last year acct. –	9 85	
	" Board to Xmas – 15 weeks @ 2.75	41 25	
	" Tuition do	4 00	
	" Instruction in Music (piano) 28 lessons extra	11 60	
May 12	To Board, from Dec. 26. 69 – to June 12 1870. 2d & 3d terms – including two weeks vacation in 24 weeks board @ 2.75	66 00	
	To Tuition in High School 2d & 3d terms.	7 00	
	" Instruction in Music 1 quarter – (28 lessons)	12 00	
	Total ———		$151 70
	Contra –		
	By Cash – Sept. 24th 69 —	9 00	
	" " – Dec. 3d.	10 00	
	" " – " 27. "	10 00	
	" " – Feby. 5 70.	8 50	
	" " – March 3. "	10 00	
	" " – April 7th. "	9 00	56 50
	Total amt due to June 12.		$95 20
	By amt over charged – from date of Mary's leaving school to close of 3d term		20 00
	Total – balance due to date –		$75 20

May. 20th

Allen Gregory. Esq.
Glencoe, Bolivar, Co. Miss.
Dear Sir:

Your letter of 19th inst. with draft on Stratton, Wyatt & Co. - Memphis - for one hundred & fifty five dollars & sixty cents - ($155.60) is received.

According to your request the money has been credited to the parties as follows:

Allen Gregory —	40.00
John McDaniel	40.00
David Jones	40.00
Wm Henry Murphree —	35. Credited - $155 60/100

In addition to the bills rendered - I have purchased some books & articles of clothing - to a small amount. I will forward to you a full statement of your accounts - including the expenses of the young people through the [illegible] - at the close of the Com-mencement. All are well and progressing finely in their studies.

Very truly yours. Geo. Whipple

May 25th

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Secy & Cin. Ohio,
Dear Brother—

Hattie F. Kimbro— one of our students is teaching a colored school at Hampshire— Maury County, Tenn— I have forwarded this day to Col— Compton, Supt. of Education— reports for Febry— (com. Febry 1st) March & April— of this school— The average attendance of her school for the 3 months was 35+ If her support continues she will teach through July & August—

Laura has been better since mother left— most of the time— She had a severe attack of Cholera Morbus— during last night which has completely prostrated her again— I think the disease is subdued now— so that if she can rest she may get better again.—

We are troubled to get any help— The children are pretty well— Miss [illegible]— is still very sick—

Very truly yours Geo. L. White

May 25th

Mrs. Rachel Ferguson
Knoxville, Tenn.
Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 10th with six dollars enclosed was duly received but I fear I neglected to reply. The money was rec'd (six dollars) and duly credited.

I read your letter to Ellen. & spoke to her about writing oftener. Mr Roberts is now teaching a school out some 9 miles from here.

Ellen & Phebe are both very well and doing well in their studies.

With kind regards to all friends,
Very truly Yours
Geo. L. White

May 28th

Col. C. E. Compton
Supdt. Education B R F & A L
Nashville. Tenn

Col.

I have the honor to forward herewith enclosed reports for two months - April & May - of a School taught by Lindsay A. Roberts - at Lake Providence in this county - The School will be continued through the summer -

Very respectfully yours
[illegible]
Agt. A.M.A.

Dec 9th

John W. Thomas
Supt. N. & C. & St. L. R. R. Co
Nashville. Tenn.

Sir,

I have the honor to request half fare transportation over the N. & C. R. R. and to the junction of the M. & C. R.R. for nineteen (19) students of this school, from Memphis, who return home for [illegible] vacation.

Also, for a party of eighteen (18) students from this city, & others in charge, to the junction & return. Thence to Memphis for the purpose of holding meetings in the interest of education among the colored people. The purpose while there to repeat some of our Commencement exercises with music, to which a small admission fee will be charged, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses attending our visit. The object is wholly a benevolent one, in favor [illegible] & [illegible]. And I most respectfully request that the application may be granted. Very Respy &c Geo. L. White - Treas.

[illegible] 21st.

Wm. Wallace Esq.
Clinton - Hinds Co. Miss.

Dear Sir

Walter & Ida Wallace made application for admission to our Boarding Department for the Summer term.

Ida I believe is under the required age - (13 years) but as she seemed quiet & easily managed both were admitted.

Owing to the seeming urgency of the case & the great pressure of work attending our closing exercises we did not consult you before their admission - supposing you to be informed in [illegible] I will simply say in regard to this that our "Home" is kept given during the summer at great inconvenience & expense to us for the accommodation of those from a distance so great as to make it desirable for them to remain —

Our charges are 2.50 per week for board — & 1.00 per month for tuition.

The amount of the expense for Board & Tuition until the commencement of our next School year is $67.10 —

I will be obliged to you if you will forward me the amount — as I am obliged to leave for the North with my family — in a short time — and it is necessary that I provide supplies for the "home" during my absence for which I must pay in advance —

I have been absent from the city some days — on business. or I should have written you before on this subject. Please give me an early reply.

Very truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

Dec 20th

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Secy Cin. Ohio.
Dear Brother:

We have just returned from Memphis. We started from here on Monday night one week ago. Our trip did not prove as successful pecuniarily as I had hoped as we barely cleared expenses which were all told about [illegible] Circumstances over which we had no control so embarrassed our work that we failed to get the audiences which we should have had otherwise.

In the first place we were delayed by a train off the track at Johnsonville thus disappointing a great crowd who had assembled at the Depot. Another drawback was a lack in regard to the advertising. Thursday it rained all day & some at night thus pouring cold water on our first concert. Friday night we had a tolerably full house. We gave a concert again Saturday night which was poorly attended owing to the extra business on returning on that night. Another trouble was the influence of the Beal St. Baptist church. The teacher of the school in that church had planned to have an exhibition the last of the month, but when he heard we were coming he made all speed and gave his entertainments so as to close the night before ours commenced. I am satisfied that all connected with the church of any influence used it to stir up a jealous feeling against us. I saw none from that ch. except *dead-heads*. On the other hand we accomplished more than I expected. We succeeded in rousing great interest in our school and stopping the mouths of men who have always underhandedly tried to hurt us. Mr. Early is a fair example of that class. He has been soundly converted. Col. Palmer & that class of men express themselves as delighted at the results. So far as the general good of our work is concerned I am feel amply paid for my labor.

We have the promise of many new students from there who are able to pay their way. I feel sure that we shall get a good number of a better class than we have had from there. I want to go over again about the 1st of Sept. & stay over one Sabbath & come up with the party which will come from there.

I find the people ignorant of our work and I am sure if similar efforts could be made in other places we should be filled to overflowing for next term.

I am coming out behind financially but must [illegible] my [illegible] day. I drew my [illegible] at [illegible] days ago eight [illegible] from [illegible] + [illegible]. Can you let me have [illegible] in [illegible] up - and can you spare me the same which will be due me on my year's salary. I cannot raise [illegible] + cannot [illegible] until you can pay me the balance due on my salary. I will take up $200 of that only myself + pay the balance with money on hand.

Collections are coming slowly + some will not come in until I shall be obliged to go north. I collected nothing at all in Memphis + the pay due the teachers is still withheld - and I see no immediate prospect of getting any part of those bills. I have unpaid bills for the supplies purchased amounting to about the same in aggregate as these teachers' bills which I must carry along at some way until the collections can be made - or the money supplied

from another source.
I am gathering up the loose ends & will give you a complete report soon.
Laura is still feeble — she had another chill Tuesday night & was quite sick a day or two while I was gone — she is must go home soon as soon as I can get her there.
The little ones are well.

I will write again tomorrow

Very truly yours

Geo L White

Z. A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

June 22.

Miss Sarah Carter
913. N. 14th St. St. Louis Mo.
Dear Sarah;

Your letter of May 9th was duly rec'd. I was very sorry that you could not pay me the money. as from your word I depended on it. I am now at the close of the year. and because of these unpaid bills I am in great trouble - If yours was the only one, I could get along - but it is the general rule this year - & I am now urged for the payment of bills amounting to many hundred dollars, which I have incurred on my faith in the integrity of the colored people. Your case is a fair example of twenty others. And in consequence I am unable to meet my obligations. And in consequence my reputation - and the reputation of my work suffers -

I have been detained here two weeks - my wife suffering in health because of it, to try to collect these outstanding bills - & make settlements - I ask you again in all earnestness - if it is within the bounds of possibility, that you send me the amount of your bill at once - that I may be relieved of this trouble -

School is out for the year and most of the teachers & students are gone - Eight students will remain & a small school will be kept open -

With kind regards to all inquiring friends -

Very truly your friend & brother
Geo. [illegible]

June 2 [illegible]

Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Bro:

I wrote you the day I returned from the field— Yours of the 23. rec'd this morning. Thanks for the privilege of drawing on you for [illegible] in case I was short of money— & that it apply on my personal account in case of a failure in my concerts. As I stated in a former letter we failed to clear anything of any amount. The state has failed as yet to pay its teachers— of the other bills I have collected a fair proportion— but the remainder comes slowly.

I have outstanding bills against [illegible] of about [illegible]

I have taken obligations [illegible] about 720.00

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] doubtful [illegible] 1300.00

The [illegible] I am [illegible] from [illegible] and all the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

N.A. ARCHIVES
NO. ______
FISK UNIV.

I have nearly all the data – but it is not in [illegible] shape — Miss Sheldon has failed to keep a record of the supplies used in the Home for the time included in this report – & as I depended on her to do it I have not the data from which to make accurate statement. I send you the totals as they appear on my ledger – & do not stop to copy items that I may get the report off tonight.

Mrs. [illegible] & Mr. [illegible] will [illegible] the Home.

I pay her $2.50 per week & pay [illegible] for washing besides —

We shall start Monday at some rate. [illegible] is very weak, & the [illegible] [illegible] in taking eight [illegible] of [illegible] – She must go there if able –

Tomorrow I must put things to rights & we must pack & be off Monday morning – We shall reach [illegible] [illegible].

Love to all.

Very truly yours,

Geo. L. White

12

June 3d.

[illegible] & Co

Gentlemen:

This will be handed you by Mr. Bennett - of this University -

Your collector called on me again yesterday regarding the balance due you for coals.

I called to see you this morning - but unfor[illegible] was in the office - I have made every effort to collect outstanding bills - and settle up these debts before going North - but have failed - I go North on Monday next with my family - I shall return about Aug. 1st when I hope to be able to pay you the balance due - Meanwhile should money be sent Mr. Bennett, who remains until my return - will call & pay it -

I am sorry this delay has occurred but it has been unavoidable on my part.

Very resp'y Yours

[illegible]

Treas.

June [illegible]

Mr. [illegible]

Dear Sir,

It has been impossible for me to call & see you relative to the delivery of [illegible].

If you would send [illegible] as we [illegible] and you use a little [illegible] I would be glad to have you do so.

I will pay the bill Sept. 1st if possible but may not be able to meet the whole of it with [illegible] during Sept.

If that arrangement will be satisfactory you can commence delivering the [illegible] at your convenience.

It will be received & taken care of by a colored man whom I have on the place.

I leave for [illegible] Monday week & expect to return Aug. 1.

Very respectfully

Geo. L. White
Treas

June 25th

Allen Tugney Esq
Glencoe Miss-

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith enclosed bill for Board & Tuition of George Warren - during the Summer Term of 13 weeks - amounting to 38.80

If you can send us the amount it will accommodate us very much - as it will be hard for me to meet the expenses of the "Home" - this summer - the cost of boarding or food being so much greater in proportion than when the school is full -

George needs a good suit of substantial clothing for summer & fall wear - which will cost about 18. or $20. If you can send this amt additional I will purchase at the best advantage possible - George is well - & doing well - He seems very anxious to learn -

Very truly Yours

Geo. [illegible] Treas-

June 25 –

Mr. Dana Jones
Glencoe Miss –

Dear Sir:

I forward you herewith enclosed bill for Humphrey's Board & Tuition for the Summer Term of 13 weeks – The amount due $130. If you can send me the money it will accommodate us very much – as we shall lose money on the Students that board here during the Summer – & it will be difficult for me to meet expenses – owing to the small number of Students.

Humphrey is very much interested in his studies – & is learning fast.

He will need some clothing after a while – for the present he has been supplied – by us.

With kind regards
Very truly yours

Geo. L. White

June 25th

John McDaniel, Esq
Glencoe Miss –
Dear Sir:

Enclosed I hand you bill for boarding & Tuition of your son for the Summer term of 13 weeks – Amounting to $33,35

If you can send me the amount it will accommodate me very much as we shall lose money on the Students who board here, during the summer – & it will be hard for me to meet the expenses – of our "Home" owing to the small number of Students –

John ought to have a suit of clothes suitable for summer & fall wear, which will cost here 18.00 or 20.00 – If you can send this amount additional I will purchase the clothes as judiciously as possible – He needs them now – & will probably be supplied before we hear from you – He is not working quite so hard in school as Humphrey & George but I have talked to him & hope he will take a new start

Very truly yours
Geo [illegible]

June 20th

Wm. H. [illegible] Esq
[illegible] Co Mo

Dear Sir;

I send you enclosed a bill for Board & tuition of Susanna & Ellen [illegible] for the summer term of 13 weeks. It amounts to $76.50 — If you can send me the amount of this bill it will be thankfully rec'd — as we shall lose money on the students that board here during the summer — & it will be hard for us to meet expenses — owing to the small number we have in family —

Susanna & Ellen are both well & send love — they are learning rapidly — Susanna is trying hard to learn to write — & will be in another reader soon —

With kind regards
Very truly yours
Geo. [illegible]
Treas.

Aug. 23d.

Messrs. Walker & Co.
Memphis, Tenn.
Gentlemen,

Yours of 9th instant was handed me on my return from the North Saturday last. I enclose Mrs Montgomery's bill receipted in full. ($76.00)

With great respect
Very truly yours
[illegible]
Treasurer

August 22nd

L. H. Mellen Esq.
Allerton Miss.-

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the [illegible] of July 11th -- enclosing $67.10 for board & tuition of Ida & Walter - was received by me this morning - Many thanks for the prompt remittance - I return herewith enclosed your bill receipted in full -

You will learn from the enclosed circular that our next term of school will commence on Monday Sept. 7th. Expenses the same as heretofore - with the exception of a moderate charge extra to cover cost of fuel during the winter months - Please let us hear from you your wishes regarding Walter & Ida -

I have just returned from the North - I think the young people are doing well in their studies - & they are both well -

Very truly Yours [illegible] Treas

Aug. 22d

Allen Ferguson, Esq.
Glenwood. Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir: Your letter of July 6 was handed me on my return from the North East Saturday night. I was detained there by the sickness of my little boy, hence the delay in answering. I am sorry that you misunderstood the bill.

George Mason entered school Jany 3 - from ~~that date~~ to the close of the school year June 12, is 23 weeks which at 2.75 per week amounts to $63.25

Tuition for the same time . . 4.50

Total $67.75

Of this you paid in advance 35.00

Leaving due June 12. $32.75

As a special favor to students from a distance we have kept the "Home" open and have kept up school all summer - at great expense & inconvenience to us - this is a new bill - from June 13 to Sept. 11 - 13 weeks at 2.75 - with tuition $38.80 - We would make it charged to you if we could — but we cannot — we have lost money on every student here the first year. It only amounts to about $120 for the regular school year & more if the vacation is added —

Our next session commences Sept. 12. See enclosed circular —

I hope you will be able to pay me the bill I sent you — & remit something for George's clothes — Could you not borrow the money for me — I must pay these bills — & have not the money —

George is quite well & is learning fast I think — He is growing some — & I think you will be proud of him if he stays another year.

I am quite busy today — & will write more particulars at another time —

All the young people are well —

Please write me on receipt of this and let me know your wishes for the next year —

With kind regards
Truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

August 20

Dear Bro. [illegible]

On my return to this city I recd notice that Mr. Young's note for 200$ was due Aug 20. I supposed that it was provided for - & had made no preparations to meet it. The only thing I could do was to take 100$ which was destined for another place & pay that as an installment & stay collection. I hope you will forward me a check for the amount at your earliest possible convenience - as it will be utterly impossible for me to meet the balance - or to spare the 100$ long - without embarrassment.

I left N.Y. Thursday last. Lewis - we hope was ~~[illegible]~~ recovering from an attack of Typhoid fever - I hope to get a letter tomorrow - that he is still improving - the rest are well -

In haste - Very truly yours [illegible]

August 23d

John McDaniel Esq.
Glencoe Miss.

Dear Sir: Your letter of July 28th was handed me on yesterday just before my return from the North. — I have not seen Mr. Moore in regard to the settlement of the bill for John's board &c — perhaps he called during my absence. I need the money very much — & hope you will be able to forward it soon. — I left directions for the purchase of the necessary clothing for John which was done — I haven't the bill before me, but it amounts to about $15.00 —

Our regular school year commences about September 12 — & will continue until the middle of June following about 10 months — The total expenses for the regular year — is about $120 — aside from expenses of his clothing books, stationery &c — this amount is payable monthly or quarterly in advance.

Please write me your wishes in regard to John for the coming session—

Of course we do use all known appliances & measures—to "make" John study & learn as he ought to—& I am happy to report decided improvement in his case—

It is my aim to write just the facts in the case—that you may know just the condition your boy is in—that you may not be disappointed when he returns to you.

You may be sure we shall spare no pains to do the right thing for him—

He is improving—& works much more steadily than he did—

The young people are all well & doing very well—

Write me at once your wishes regarding the coming session—

With kind regards to yourself family & all enquiring friends, Others very truly yours &—

Geo. L. White
Treas.

August [illegible]d

Rev. B. Sears, D.D.
Genl. Agent of Peabody Educational Fund.
Staunton, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

A dangerous illness of my little boy delayed my return from Minnesota - hence the delay in forwarding a statement of the use made of the $800. appropriated to aid Normal Students at Fisk University.

I forward a report herewith inclosed - and hope that it may prove satisfactory.

As you may, perhaps, be already advised, Prof. Ogden has been called to a new field of labor. I am not informed as to who his successor will be. We have very encouraging reports from our young people who have engaged in teaching during the vacation.

With great respect
Your Obedt Servt.
Geo. L. White
Treas. Fisk University.

Aug. 23.

B. A. J. Nixon.
Pulaski. Tenn.
Dear Sir

Your letter of inquiry is just received.

Board including washing & lights with furnished room costs 2.75 per wk. A small extra charge is made during cold weather to cover the cost of fuel. Tuition in the High School full term is 5.00 — in the lower grades — $4.00. The total expense per month — not including — the expenses of clothing & Books &c — is a little more than $12.00 or about $125. per year — attention is invited to the enclosed circular — let us hear from you again —

Very truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

Aug. 20th

Mrs. M. E. McMullen
Clarksville Tenn—

Dear Madam; Your letter of inquiry to Prof. Ogden, has been handed me for reply.

I beg to refer you to the enclosed printed circular. The total expense for students boarding in the Home of the University is $12. to 13. per month. This includes—Board—washing—lights—fuel, room & every thing necessary—except personal incidentals. If she wishes to attend school a year—to fit herself for teaching—& can pay one half monthly or quarterly in advance—we will admit her upon your recommendation—& trust her for the remainder—by her giving good security for its payment—in one year.

We are thus careful because—we furnish every thing at cost—& there is no margin for losses. & we have already so much out in this way—that there is little at our command with which to aid others.

Please let me hear from you again on this subject.

With due respect.
Geo. L. White Treasurer.

Aug. 2d

Augustus Hawkins Esq.
Chattanooga Tenn

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Prof. Ogden was duly rec'd, and in reply permit me to say that we are glad to hear from you — & that you purpose returning to Fisk University. I have just returned from a visit North. Prof. Ogden is called to a new field of labor & will not be with us hereafter; A new — but good & able man — we trust, will supply his place.

Board & tuition for the fall term commencing Septr. 12, will amount to about $40.00 See enclosed circular. Give my regards to all friends there — especially to Rev. Dickerson tell him I will write to him soon —

We hope to see you at the opening of the term — With my kind regards & best wishes

Very truly yours

G. L. White
Treasurer

August 20th

Rev. E. H. [illegible],
Memphis. Tenn.
Dear Sir.

You will pardon me for calling your attention again to the balance due on account of Phebe's board & music. I am very much embarrassed by the failure to collect these bills. Please make endeavors to forward me the amount at an early day. We spare no pains & expense in the education of the people – we give you these advantages on credit for less than they cost us in money – and yet when payment is due you fail to pay us – & we are embarrassed – & the good name & credit of the school & people is impaired –

I write this plainly & earnestly – yet kindly – because a great & good enterprise is in danger of being crippled by this lack of prompt fulfillment of good obligations – and permit me to express the hope that you will not only act on this suggestion yourself but urge others to be more earnest & prompt in these matters.

The Fall Session commences Sept. 4th Prof. Ogden has left us - & gone to a new field of labor - A wise & able man will take his place - & our corps of teachers will be increased - so that we can for the future offer more & better advantages - even than in the past.

~~W~~ We hope that Phebe - will be with us again at the opening of the term.

We shall ever remember with gratitude the generous hospitality of your people during our visit to your place in June last.

Please give my kind regards to Phebe & to any inquiring friends - We shall be glad to see you at the University any time you may be passing. &c Let me hear from you soon

With great respect

Very truly yours

Geo. L. White.

Treasurer

August 26

Mrs. Lydia Motley
Care: [illegible] St. Louis Mo
Dear Madam,

Permit me to again call your attention to the balance due on account of Sarah's Board & music, &c. I am sorry to be obliged to do this – but we are very much embarrassed by the failure of our patrons to pay their bills. We spare no pains or expense to furnish to your people the best chance for education – we furnish you these advantages on credit for less than they cost us in money – yet with all these advantages when payment is due – you fail to pay us – and we are embarrassed & the credit & good name of our school suffers. I write this plainly & earnestly – yet kindly – because you are by this neglect, crippling this work & depriving others of the privileges of education.

Our school opens again Septr. 12. Prof. Ogden has left us for a new field of labor – & will not return –

[illegible] and [illegible] will take his place.

Many of the old teachers will return - & new ones will be added to the number - so that we shall offer more and better advantages the coming year than ever before - to those desiring a thorough education -

Please give my kind regards to Sarah & all friends there.

Please let me hear from you soon in regard to this matter.

With great respect

Very truly Yours

Geo. L. White

Treas. Fisk University.

August 26.

Edward Johnson Esq.
128 Causey St. Memphis

Dear Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to the balance due on Lizzie's board &c. We are very much embarrassed for want of these accounts which are long over due & ought to be paid. Can you not send me the amount due at once? You must try to do it - for I must have money or I can't get along.

Our school opens again - Monday Septr. 12. A new Professor will be on hand to take Prof. Ogden's place - who is called to a new field of labor. You can assure the friends in Memphis that we shall offer more & better advantages the coming year than ever before. Give my regards to your family - especially to Lizzie - We hope to see a goodly number from your city at the opening of the session -

With due respect - Very truly yours. Geo. L. White

August 26.

John E. Patton. Esq.
Wartrace Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Aug. 20. to Prof. Ogden, is just rec'd. Prof. Ogden has left this school to take charge of the Normal Department of a school in Ohio & will not return.

A new Professor will be here at the opening of the term to take his place.

School opens again Septr. 12. - We shall hope to see you at that time.

For further information of the school see circulars enclosed.

Very truly yours

Geo. L. White
Treasurer.

August [illegible] 9

to Wm. Crane. Clinton. La.

To Balance due on your bill of
June 12. 1867 – $9 60

Mr. Wm. Crane,

Dear Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to the above bill again.

It is but reasonable to suppose that with care in labor & living you could have saved enough to have paid the part of the account by this time.

We are very much embarrassed & the credit & reputation of our school is suffering because of the failure of our people to pay their bills according to agreement. I ask you to save your own good name & the name of your people by at least making an effort to pay the bill.

A regulation of our school now requires us to publish in our catalogue – & keep on our permanent records, the names of those who will not pay – & mark them expelled for failure to keep their agreements which will deprive you of the privilege of this & all other schools – who so value their reputation for honesty.

Again let me urge you as you value your good name - at least make an effort to pay this. I have written you two or three times & can get no answer even to my letters - I could have obtained a grant of this money for you from the Bureau - if you had made the reports for me - but that has gone by now.

I send you some circulars of our Fall session - which commences Sept. 12. Prof. Ogden has left us & gone to Ohio to teach. A new Professor will take his place. ~~at~~ We hope to offer more & better advantages the coming year than ever before to those desiring a thorough education.

With kind regards

Very truly Yours

Geo. L. White

Treasurer -

August 26

Rev. Robt McMillan
New Castle, Pa -

Dear Sir: Your letter to the President F.U. is just rec'd - In his absence I reply. Ida Murphy was in school the whole of last year I believe - She was a member of my class in Sabbath School - So far as I am informed she is a girl of good character; of fair abilities - not very energetic & prompt in pursuit of knowledge - but, like most girls of her age, needing considerable looking after & spurring up - I have just returned from a visit North & have not seen her since. I hear that she is a few miles from the city working for some lady -

She has been doing well during vacation - for all I can learn to the contrary at present - & I presume she intends returning to school next term. I will see her as soon as possible - and advise you more fully of her condition & prospects.

I am favorably impressed with Miss. & think with proper development & discipline she will make a good & useful woman. I presume she is competent to instruct a small school now— or I may say as competent as many of those who are doing that sort of work about us—

With great respect
Very truly yours
Geo. L. [illegible]
Deacon

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August 27th

Mr. Morse,
Ed. "Banner."
Dear Sir,

I put an advertisement of the Fall Term of Fisk University in the Banner which was published this morning.

I was assured by the gentleman who waited on me in the Office that attention would be called to the Advertisement by a "local" giving some statements regarding the fall

It is important for the success of the coming term, that the people understand that notwithstanding Prof. Ogden's absence from us (which we deeply regret) the school will be carried on with increased energy & power.

A new man will be on the ground to take Prof. Ogden's place - most of our old teachers will return - new ones will be added to the number - we shall be able to offer more and better advantages in every department of the school than ever before. Can & will you not aid our work by calling attention to these facts in your local columns?

Do this little for your country & humanity.

I would have called today & given you this by word of mouth - but I am just from Minnesota, where I have spent the summer. (it was delicious. trout fishing - boat riding - shooting prairie chickens - pure water - clear - pure - cool air!) and my time is all taken up in preparation for the opening of school.

With great respect
Yours most obediently
Jno. A. [illegible]

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Rev. E. M. Cravath   Aug. 29 -

Dear Bro. — I reached Nashville without delay or accident on Saturday - a week ago. I found every thing at the school in a satisfactory condition. A little money was waiting for me here but I recd notice that a note for $250. which I had endorsed for Prof. Ogden - was due on Monday & I had to pay a sum to stop collection on that. The little I had beside was swallowed up in the Boarding Dept - & I am about dry now. I have seen all my creditors & told them how the matter stands - & they seem very obliging & willing to wait a little longer.

I am busy writing letters & sending off circulars - & in putting things to rights.

Mrs. White with [illegible] assistance has managed very well. We now have 10 regular boarders who will remain - all good pay - one new one came in this morning. I have letters from Memphis which speak encouragingly of the prospect for students from there.

Some 25 are in a state of preparation & are calculating to return about the 9th. How many will "hold out" I don't know. There is a good deal of uneasy feeling among the people on account of Prof. O. leaving - but it is going away some & I think our prospect on the whole is more encouraging than ever before for a good opening. Most of the advanced students will not enter school before the middle or close of the fall term - as they are teaching schools which will not be out. The colored people have an excursion to Georgia this week & a fair at Gallatin. I shall not be able to go to either - tho' I would like to visit Atlanta very much. When will the matron be on hand? There is much to be done. I have commenced putting up fruit - & have a woman cleaning the dormitory. Shall try & keep things running - but the matron should be here soon as possible. We have plenty of beautiful grapes on our own vines & have put away a good supply for our Christmas festival if [illegible] are [illegible].

Much interest is manifested to know who the new Prof is to be. Let me know as soon as it is decided who is coming - teachers & all as it will help us.

Very Truly Yours

Geo. L. White

August 27.

[illegible] Pearl.
Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Pupil & friend:

Your letter of [illegible] came to hand this morning. Am glad to hear from you - & hear that you are well.

The terms are about as before you can learn from the circular enclosed. There will be a teachers class as heretofore. You can have tuition free by being a member of that class of course. Your expenses - if you study music will be about fifteen to sixteen dollars per month - altogether.

I will make application for half fare. and have no doubt that it will be approved.

I am all alone now with all the work to do & am hence too busy to write much - [illegible] hope to make the school even better than before the coming year -

Please circulate the word about the school as much as possible - & urge all to be ready to start at the appointed time.

Give my regards to your father & mother - & all friends - Tell Lulu we expect her too - I will write to as many of the friends as possible. Hoping to see you soon I am very truly

Yours
Geo. L. White

August 29th.

Harrison Gray - Esq.
31. Jeffn St. Memphis. Tenn

Dear Sir,
Your letter is just rec'd. In reply permit me to say that I know of no reason why Cornelia Gray cannot be admitted to school - The terms are $2.75 per week for board - & tuition 1.00 - to 1.33 per month - making a total expense per month of from 12.00 to 13.00 for board & tuition - A small charge - extra - will be made during cold weather to cover cost of fuel -

Payment in advance by the month a time as is convenient -

Is this the Cornelia Gray that was here before? and is she not married?

Let me hear from you again - We hope to have our rooms filled up early this year.

With great respect
Very truly Yours Geo. L. White

August 29

Lewis [illegible] Esq.
88 Ala. St. Mem. Ten.

Dear Sir

Will Flora Lewis return this year? We hope to see her. Prof. Ogden has left us for a new field of labor in Ohio but his place will be supplied by a new & good man who will keep up the reputation of the school to its past high standard.

You sent Flora a little more than enough money to pay her fare to Memphis. I should have returned her or given the difference but I had supplied her with stationery, stamps &c to a little more than the amount of the difference so as I did not meet you I let it stand.

Let me hear from you especially if you contemplate sending Flora the coming term.

Very truly yours

Geo. [illegible]
[illegible]

Aug. 30th

Mrs. Mattie Clouston
Memphis - Tenn

My dear pupil & friend: I write to inform you of the opening of our Fall Term - September 12th. Prof. Ogden will not be with us the coming year, being called to a new field of labor in Ohio. We trust that a good man will be with us by the opening of the term to take his place. Do you still intend returning to us? I know of nothing which will be allowed to hinder you on our part - and I do know that all will be glad to welcome Mattie back again. Please write and let me know your intentions.

Please give my kindest regards to your family and friends. We shall ever remember the generous hospitality of your people during our recent visit to your beautiful city.

All are well with us.

As ever your friend and teacher -

Aug. 23

Rev. G W Mallory
Dear Prof.

I intended writing you before this & may have done so - but I find no copy of a letter in my book - & fear I may have neglected it - As you have probably been informed Prof. O. has been called to a new field of labor in Ohio - I am not yet informed as to who his successor will be - but a good man, we hope. It is important that there be an understanding among those who come as to time & place of starting &c. Please confer with Mr. Brown Mr. Marsh - Mr. Hunt & others & I would appoint some place where information could be had in regard to coming. I have made application through Mr. Brown for half fare -

Please aid us in this matter if possible.

With kind regards to yourself & family
Very truly yours
Geo. L. White
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August 30

Prof. J. H. Barnum (or Mr. Marsh)
45 Beal Street Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The Fall term of our School will open on Monday - 12th inst. I understand that a number of Students are preparing to come from your City. - It is important that there be some understanding among those who expect to come - in regard to the day of starting &c. Will you personally or through friends there make some arrangements in regard to this matter. - I enclose an application for half-fare over the M.&C. road - which I would be glad to have you present to the Supt. & if granted make some arrangement for a general understanding in regard to it. It is important that they start as early as possible next week.

I enclose Circulars -

Very truly yours Geo. L. White

August 20th

Mr. Boyd.
Supt. M. & L. R.R.
Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request transportation at half-rates, for a party of students of this Institution, from Memphis to Mc-Kenzie, and return again. A list of the students will be furnished for your information - if necessary by Prof. Barnum of Memphis - who will also give you information as to time of starting &c.

A similar application is addressed to the Superintendent of the N. & N.W. R.R.

I have the pleasure of tendering to you our hearty thanks for similar favors in the past.

Hoping that it may be in your power to grant this request

With great respect
Your Obedt. Servt.
Geo L White
Treas Fisk University

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August 31,

Hart Hillman, Esq.
Supt. Empire Iron Works. Trigg Co Ky.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to call your attention to the work we are doing for the colored people, and to request you to aid any who may ~~may~~ desire to attend our school from your works — by information and advice. We have a school numbering over 400 students of all grades from "A.B.C." to Senior Preparatory Class — for college.

We charge instruction fee of $6. per year in the High School — and free in the lower grades —

We furnish Board including furnished rooms washing and light for $2.50 per week. A small extra charge — not exceeding 50¢ per month — will be made during cold weather for coal.

The total cost of Board & tuition will average $12. & 13 per month or 120 to 130 for the entire school year. I send you a catalogue & circulars for further information.

with respect. Very truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treasurer

August 31st

Raf. Lovell, Esq.
Empire Iron Works
Ky.— Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been handed me.

In reply permit me to say that we can take your son into the School and home at a cost to you of about 12.00 per month for Board & Tuition. This will cover all his necessary expenses — except that we shall have to make a slight extra charge (not more than 50¢ pr. month) during the cold weather to cover the cost of fuel.

You will of course clothe him and furnish his books and stationery.

The gentleman who brought me the letter can give you further information regarding the School.

It is important that he should be here next week as the School commences the week after.

With great respect
Very truly Yours, Geo. L. White
Treasurer.

Sept 1 –

B. A. J. Nixon. Esq.
Pulaski. Tenn. Box 43 –
Dear Sir:

Yours of 31st just recd –

Mr. Baily can have the room – and can pay by the month if it suits him best.

I cannot at present give a list of books – but send [you] catalogues which contains the course of study.

You had all better bring the books you have been using.

It is important that you should be here before the commencement of the term if possible.

Very truly yours. Geo. L. White

Sept. 1 –

Isaac Dickerson – Esq.
Dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday is just received –

You know your situation and conditions for coming better than I do. Of course if you are ready that will be the best time for you as you can then get settled by the opening of the term –

Why cannot Mr. Watkins come with you? it would be much better I should think to commence with the term – unless something especially important detains him.

With kind regards to all

Very truly yours,
Geo. L. White –
Treasurer

August 31st

John W. Thomas.
Supt. N. & N.W. Railroad.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request transportation at half rates for a number of Students of this School from McKenzie to this city - en route from Memphis, to enter the Fall term of this Institution -

A similar request has been made to Mr Rogers Supt of M. & L. Rd -

I am not able to furnish you with a list of those coming or the exact number, but I expect about 20 - who are intending to start from Memphis about the middle of next week - It would be an accommodation if Tickets could be sold through from Memphis to this City. It is my privilege in behalf of the Board of Trustees to thank you most heartily for your generous kindness in the past.

With great respect very truly yours Geo. L. White

Sept. 1st

J. H. Barnum or W. L. Marsh
45 Beale St. Memphis

Dear Sir;

The following is a "true copy" of an endorsement on my application for half fare from McKenzie to Nashville for Students.

" Sept. 1st 70
" Supt. Boyd of the M & L. Road is
" authorized to sell the tickets at
" half rates if he desires to do so.
" He is the proper person to
" make the application to.
" I will agree to any arrangement
" he may make.
(sig) E. W. Thomas.

Please get half fare if possible as it will be a great help to the students.

Most truly yours,

Geo. L. White

September 2.

S. T. Ellsmore
Care of Ogill Bro. & Co. Memphis.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 30th Ultimo has been received and referred to Rev. E. M. Cravath. District Secretary of the American Missionary Association. 174 Elm Street Cincinnati, Ohio who has authority to act in the matters referred to in your letter.

He will probably correspond with you at an early day regarding it.

With respect
Very truly yours
Geo. [illegible]

Septr. 2d

Mrs. Marie [illegible]
148 Beal St.
Memphis. Tenn

Dear Madame,

Your letter of August 31st is just received. I hasten to reply and would say that we have used heretofore in the Ray's Arithmetics. McGuffey's & Willard's Readers - Cornell's Geography - and Harvey's Grammars. I have not a price list of the books named - and can only say that our students buy their books at reduced rates.

It will be rather inconvenient for us and very unprofitable for you to have your daughter practice on a piano without lessons unless she is already proficient in music.

We only charge $4. per month for instruction & two hours per day practice. and I could not arrange for her to use a piano without the lessons for less than ~~[illegible]~~ dollars per month without loss. I would advise that she either put off the practice until she commences her lessons, or that she commence her lessons this term, feeling ~~so~~ sure that it will be more profitable for you.

Her expenses for the Fall Term ending Dec. 20th – (fifteen weeks) will be

for Board –	41.25
for tuition	4.00
	$45.25
For music with use of instrument 2 times	16.00
" ——— practice on instrument	8.00
Total expenses without music	45.25
" " including music –	61.25
" " " practice on piano	53.25

A Student will need some Stationery – Postage Stamps &c, but it is best that they should not have a great many extras – as they cost money & destroy health – as well as take from the interest of their studies –

I have made application for half fare for the students who come in a company – Inquire at Marsh & Warner's regarding it – Hoping that the foregoing statement will prove satisfactory – & that we may see your daughter in due season, I am

with great respect
Very truly Yours Geo. L. White
Treasurer.

Sept. 25

Rev. [illegible]

Dear Bro.

[illegible] blanket for [illegible] please [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

September 20

S. D. and H. W. Smith,
Manufacturers of the American Organ,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen,

I hand you by current mail a catalogue of my Institution, and circular from which you will learn what my work is and notice something of its growth.

We have tried to make Fisk University a representative school of its class, and to keep it up with the times, as near date as possible. With our other work we have tried to do something at Music. Some progress has been made, and there is beginning to be a demand for musical instruments. We teach the organ & piano – but the demand will be for organs.

The people with whom we labor are very poor. I have had conversation with Mr. Dorman in regard to furnishing our people with organs at a reduced price, so they may be able to buy

He has most generously consented to abate his profits almost entirely for the present.

Now can you not, in view of the extreme poverty - yet great need of this people just rising to a place among peoples and the fact if they learn to play on your organs while they are in poverty, they will most likely buy them when they grow rich, give to Mr. Doane a special reduction in price on organs which he may sell to us or our students - that he may thus place them within the reach of those who ought to have them.

I am fully aware of the continued demand there must be upon you for charity of this sort, but you have so established a reputation for generous replies to applications in aid of the cause of God and humanity - that I could not refrain from making the appeal.

We have one of your organs in constant use, and have almost always used them at (our)

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public entertainments. We also own a Mason & Hamlin [illegible] large size, which I desire to exchange so as to get it into two smaller ones for use of these [illegible] I propose to exchange with Mr. [illegible] for organs of your make as per circulars there among the way of [illegible]

We are on exhibition here all the time, people from north, south, east & west, are here to see whether the "Negro can become a person" or not. A first class instrument with us is not a "light under a bushel" - but one would probably be heard & tried by more people who are interested in such thing than in almost any other place you could put one.

Please make us the best terms possible, for and we will endeavor to so use any favor that you may be able to show us, that it may be "bread cast upon the waters" - and return to you not many days hence.

With great respect
Very truly yours
Geo. L. White
(Treas. Fisk University)

Sept. 3.

Miss Emma [illegible],
Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Respected friend

Your letter of the [illegible] at hand. I should be glad to have you come back but I have no means of making up the 4.30 per month — or if you are in the [illegible] Class the 2.00 per month which will be due after you have paid [illegible]. [illegible] that you have quite a bill due in that respect.

Now if you are sure that you can and will Teach & make the money & pay the old account and will pay me [illegible] every month — I will trust you for the balance until you can [illegible] and you can return. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have come. [illegible] is here. The other teachers will be due next week. [illegible] hope to see [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible]

Very truly yours [illegible]

Sept. 30

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

I have made this proposition to Mr. [illegible] & Miss Sheppard regarding the Music — to give them board for teaching two pupils each — Miss Sheppard to play for family worship morning and night & assist in drilling the family in singing — and Mr. [illegible] to play for Chapel exercises & Sunday school and assist in keeping up the singing there. If there are more than two pupils, I am to give them according to the number taught such portion of the money paid as will leave us clear, until a fair salary is reached. They can do justice by about 10 or 12 pupils each of these, should be the [illegible]. If this arrangement is satisfactory to you, I will be obliged if you will forward them ~~[illegible]~~ - or teach me these terms that it may be fairly understood —

Very truly yours [illegible]

Sept. 3d

Hattie C. Belt
Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Your letter is just rec'd. From the enclosed Circular you will learn our terms — 2.75 per week for boarding — and 2.50 2.25 & 2.00 — for 1st 2d & 3d terms in the Lower grades of School — and 5. 4. & 3.00 — for the High School for Tuition. This will cover your expenses with us except a small extra charge to cover the cost of fuel in cold weather. Your entire expense for 6 months will be about $75.00 —

If you intend coming it will be far better for you to come with the company next week, as they will come at half fare — and it will be greatly to your advantage to start at the first of the term. I send you by current mail Circulars & a Catalogue.

Very truly Yours Geo. L. White
Treasurer

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
N. 3.
FISK UNIV.

Sept. 3.

J. H. Welton, Esq.
Clinton Miss.
Dear Sir,

Your letter of 30th ultimo is just received. I enclose a statement showing the expenses of Board & Tuition of Walter & Ida for the coming school year.

It can be paid monthly - or by the term in advance as may suit you. It would greatly accommodate me if you could pay the Term in advance, as our expenses are so great in connection with the Boarding Dept. that the amt. chgd for Board barely covers it. and I am often very much embarrassed for the want of a very small amount of ready money.

Both Ida & Walter have done very well during the summer - & both seem - well - contented & happy.

With respect
Very truly Yours, Geo. L. White
Treasurer

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[illegible] McIlvaine
Clinton, Miss

To Boarding - Sept 14/70 to June [illegible]/71				
at rate [illegible] (Hattie)				110 00
do		(Lida)		110 00
To Tuition	1st term - Each	at [illegible] =		5 00
" "	2d "	" 3. =		6 00
" "	3d "	" 2.50 =		5 00
				$239 00

A small extra charge will be made (pro rata) to cover cost of coal during the cold weather.

If it is convenient for you to pay one third of the above amount in advance, one third in January & the balance at the close of the year, it will suit us.

Sept. 5th

J. W. Thomas
Supdt. N. & C. R. R. Railroad
Nashville, Tenn
Dear Sir:

I have just received an answer to my application to Supt. Boyd. of which the following is a copy. which I respectfully hand you for your information.

"Memphis, Tenn, Sept. 2d [illegible]"

"G. L. White. Treasurer - Sir; In reply to your favor of
" Aug. 30th asking half rates for students attending
" Fisk University, I will state that we will carry
" students named in list to be furnished by Mr. Thomas.
" at half rates to McKenzie - or will furnish them through
" tickets to Nashville at 1/2 rates if certified by
" Mr. Thomas, Genl Supt. N. & C. R. R. that they
" will be honored on his road.
Very respectfully
" (Sign) J. T. [illegible] Supdt."

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
Geo. L. White
Treas. Fisk University

Sept. 5

Mrs Louisa L. Simmons
West Springfield Erie Co Pa
Dear Madame,

Your letter regarding a situation as teacher of Freedmen has been received - and this day referred to Rev. E. M. Cravath - Secy of A.M.A. 176, Elm Street - Cincinnati - who has the employment of all teachers under the American Missionary Association in this Department.

Perhaps you had better correspond with him directly.

With great respect
Very truly yours,
Geo L White
Treas Fisk University

Sept 3rd

Mrs Mary Johnson
128 Causey St. Mem. Tenn

Dear Madame,
Of course we shall all be glad to have Lizzie return to school if you are able to pay her bills - but as I have to depend wholly on what I collect to maintain the boarding department, if I fail to get it it embarrasses me.

If you can send me some money when she comes - and pay the rest as you go we shall be very glad to see her.

Prof. Spence - from Michigan University will succeed Prof. Ogden - as Prin.

Please remember me kindly to Lizzie & all friends.

Very truly yours,
Geo L White
Treas. Fisk University

Sept. 8th.

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
Secy., Cincinnati, O.

Dear Bro. Will you kindly make effort to get that drying attachment for the laundry stove. It has been a great trouble to get the washing dried & ironed with the help we have. We have little room out doors & in that is available or suitable for clothes drying — & it takes such a length of time — especially in stormy weather. That with the family we had last year — it was a burden, & will be more this year — as the family will be much greater.

We shall have to have some knives & forks — and about 2 doz. tea spoons & full set of dessert spoons. You spoke of getting forks there — We have not enough of any sort for use now, that are fit to set with.

We shall need as many as 1 doz. knives & forks — & as many dessert spoons — Can you not send them, now as well as by & by. — It will save us buying here — Very truly yours

Septbr 6th

of Susie Todd,
Fayetteville. Ten.

To Balance due on bill rendering 29 75

Mrs Emily Todd—
Fayetteville Ten.
Dear Madam

Permit me to call your attention to the balance due on Susie's bill from last year. I am just now very much embarrassed for the want of these amounts so long over due. Can you not accommodate me with it at once? Please remit by Post office Order or draft.

I am Obliged
Most truly Yours
Geo. L. White
Treasurer—

Sept. 6th

A. Gibbs. Esq.
Clay Avenue. 2d door from Locke
St. Louis. Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Sept. 2d. is just rec'd. Inclosed find circulars of our School. The fall term commences on Monday next Sept. 12th. Certainly, with proper letters of introduction and recommendation, your daughter can enter at once, & will be most cordially received and kindly cared for.

You will see that our expense list is as follows - Board - per week - 2.75 with a small extra charge to meet the ~~for~~ actual cost of fuel during cold weather.

Tuition in the high School - for the year	12.00
" " " lower grades " " "	9.00
Instruction in instrumental music - per month. Piano or Organ with use of instrument	4.00

I am glad to receive a letter from you

in regard to our work, and would be obliged if you will circulate the circulars I send — or may send hereafter — and request people interested in this great educational work to write to me. and I shall take pleasure in furnishing any information in my power.

Our school numbered the past year about 500 students — and by the necessities of the people these were of all grades — from the A.B.C. to the regular College classes.

It is our aim & purpose to make Fisk University a representative school of its class — and to make it as good in all departments as a school can be. — then we place these advantages within reach of all. for it only costs about $125.00 for board & expenses — for the entire year. — For those who come to us from abroad our "Home" is established — where the whole round of social and domestic duties is taught and practised — the purpose to surround our young people with all the gentle, refining elevating and purifying influences of a well ordered, well disciplined Christian Home.

Let me hear from you again

With great respect

Very truly yours, Geo. L. White

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To whom it may concern

This is to certify that Mr. R. D. [illegible] was a student in Fisk University some two years since - and at that time enjoyed the respect and confidence of both Teachers and Students.

Since then he has been engaged in teaching and other employment - and so far as I am informed has had the confidence and respect of his employers.

His family connections are of the highest respectability & worth, and himself has the general reputation among his friends and acquaintances of being of an honest, upright, Christian character, and of being industrious and faithful in the performance of duty.

Geo. L. White.
Treas of Fisk University.

Mr. Rand Houston, Sept 7th

Dear Sir,

I inclose herewith a statement of what I know regarding your character & ability. You know that since you left us - we have rather lost sight of you - and hence I should not be justified in speaking more definitely.

I hope that you may be able to get the position sought, and that you will fill it with honor to yourself & profit to your employer. Be ever straightforward and honest in all your dealings. and energetic, active and diligent in the performance of duty, and above all maintain your Christian character and you will succeed. Let us hear from you. Yours truly,

Sept. [illegible]

General Clinton B. Fisk
Saint Louis. Mo.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 5th inst. is just rec'd. Prof. Ogden has resigned his position in Fisk University and has accepted the position of Principal of the Normal & Preparatory Department of [illegible] College, at [illegible], Ohio.

Prof. A. K. Spence of Michigan University has been secured as his successor.

Under the blessing of God the University has grown in numbers and influence until it has become a great power for good at which we all rejoice.

Now that you are home again, we hope to hear more of you and to have your influence and support. Colored men write me from Saint Louis saying they cannot get information about the school. I have taken the liberty to forward to your address a few catalogues circulars ~~&c.~~ which I hope you will hand to parties interested.

Will you not come and visit us this fall?
The people all want to see you and hear you
speak again.

Very respectfully
Geo. [illegible]

Sept. 7th

Hon. Jas. T. Rapier.
Montgomery, Ala.
Dear Sir:

In a conversation with Abram Smith. Esq. a short time since he spoke of your desiring to send Thomas Rapier again to school. School opens again on Monday next. If you should desire to send him again, please give us definitely your wishes regarding him - and they shall be carried out to the letter.

Prof. A. K. Spence - will succeed Prof. Ogden as Principal. The interest in our school increases - and the outlook was never more cheering. We hope, Sir, to have your sympathy and the support of your influence in our work.

With respect
Very truly Yours
[illegible]
[illegible] Fisk University

Sept. 7th

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Bro:

Mr. Bennett & family - Miss Matson & Miss Benedict came to day.

Students are coming in slowly. The interest in the school was never greater - or our prospects for students better.

There is much inquiring about music and prospect of a good many pupils. Will it not be wise to try & exchange our chapel organ for two smaller ones that could be better used for practice? I think I could get the worth of it this way.

We shall need another piano - will you buy - or shall I rent one? You spoke of buying another.

I cannot get a house that will accommodate me less than $25 per month. All are well in Miss. - also Mother and father at [illegible]

Very truly Yours, Geo. L. White
Treas.

Sept. [illegible] 70

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Your letter should have been answered ere this – but you know I have my hands full. Jennie was very sick which detained me in Minnesota beyond my time – & since my return my time has been wholly occupied –

"[illegible]" & his companions arrived safely yesterday morning – other students are coming in. Misses – [illegible] – [illegible] & [illegible] are here & Mr. Bennett's people come today –

All are well & looking hearty. Our new Princ! Prof. Spence of Michigan University will be here tomorrow – Jennie & the boys are still in Minnesota – all well – They will come in a few weeks – Memphis students will be here Saturday – May God bless & prosper you abundantly in your work – & return you to us in his own good time. Write often – & believe me

faithfully your friend Geo. L. White

I cannot [illegible] you what to do with your [illegible] My impression is if [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I should be [illegible] all in [illegible]

Septr. 7th

Mr. Alfred McAlhany,
Rogersville. Tenn-

Dear Sir:

Mr. Roberts writes me that you have a very promising and worthy daughter that ought to be educated.

Now I suppose that you know your own business better than I do. and I don't propose to dictate what you ought to do.. but this I will say if you wish to send your daughter to school, we will endeavor to render the terms such that you can do it- The total cost of Board & tuition here is about 12. per month.

Write me your wishes - and intentions in this matter, and tell me just what you are able and willing to do- and I will consider the case - and let you know the best we can do. Hoping to hear from you -

With kind regards

Very truly Yours Geo. L. White
Treas-

Sept. 7th

Lindsey A. Roberts, Esq
Rogersville, Tenn.

Dear Bro: Your letter of 2d inst. is just rec'd. I am glad to hear from you - but am sorry that you have not been well.

I hope your health may be better as the cool weather comes on - and that you may do great good where you labor.

I was hoping that you would be able to to continue your studies until you graduated, and am extremely sorry the circumstances are such as to prevent this. Could you not enforce a little of the doctrine of your sermon in your own case? [illegible], we must make circumstances? Try it. May God be with you to guide & direct & bless your labors. School opens next Monday. The [illegible] folks are back - Miss Morton, Miss Benedict & Miss Wheeler are here. The new Prin- is expected tomorrow. I will [illegible] you mention - Students are coming in [illegible] You ought to sacrifice every thing else [illegible] with your education - that you may [illegible] shoulder to shoulder when you are through with young men who will go through a course will be bright lights in Texas. Write [illegible]

Very truly yours,

A. M. A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Septr. 9th.

Pearl, Esq.
Memphis, Tenn

Dear Sir

Your letter of 8th inst is just rec'd. Mr. Lott will not be admitted to Fisk University unless he furnishes the required testimonials of good character & purpose. If you have any good reasons why he should not be admitted to school - will you be kind enough to give us a clear statement of what they are. A mere objection, unsupported by facts cannot be [illegible] in the face of testimonials of good character.

Our new Principal is here, and most of the teachers. School will open on Monday - with brighter prospects than ever before. We are looking for a goodly number from Memphis.

I am extremely sorry that I could not visit Memphis as I intended & come up with the Students. We shall ever remember with pleasure the Generous hospitality of your people during our visit in June - With kind regards to yourself & family

Believe me Very truly yours

[illegible]

[illegible]

To Board of [illegible] from the date [illegible] [illegible]
To Tuition [illegible] [illegible]

$45.25

Mr. [illegible]
Dear Sir,
Herein I hand you a bill for [illegible] expenses during the first term of [illegible] school. [illegible] arrived safe [illegible] [illegible]
Please send me [illegible] amount as you can. If you can pay the whole bill it will accommodate [illegible] very much.
[illegible]
[illegible]
With due respect
Very truly yours
[illegible]

September 19th 9

Rev. E. M. Cravath, Secy.
176 Elm St. Cin. Ohio;

Dear Bro;

I should have written you first week in N.Y. but the multitude of cares incident to our first week of school — and a rebellion in the kitchen and laundry — prevented. School opened on Monday one week ago with a good attendance the first day. There are now upwards of two hundred & fifty enrolled — with one fifty one in the Boarding department — exclusive of teachers & workers. Our family now numbers about 70 persons. Students keep coming in from abroad — and we hear of more preparing to come. They are generally of a better class than we have had heretofore. Twenty came in one company from Memphis — and since five others have come there. Many of these students paid, at once, in advance — and a few deposited enough to pay for the entire year their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] different places in all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] of things [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Christianity — we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] are getting hold of things and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

We feel satisfied that [illegible] is [illegible] change and [illegible] of the [illegible] — in many [illegible] [illegible] we have many things to learn — [illegible] fields is nothing [illegible] but we have the [illegible] [illegible] with the right ideas of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. There seems to be nothing [illegible] now but the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very much. We are going to [illegible] [illegible] to get hold of the [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. We are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and we are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] school at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Sept 3. 1869

Miss Flora Lewis—
105. 4th Street Memphis Tenn

To Board in Fisk University— fall term— 15 weeks— @ 2.75	41 25
To Tuition— same time	4 00
	45 25

Mrs. Lewis—
105 fourth St. Memphis— Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Yours of 1st inst. just rec'd. Above find Bill for Flora's board & tuition— until Christmas— Amounting to $45.25.

I am glad to inform you that Flora believes that she has given her heart to Christ within the past week and we believe that she is a changed girl— at which we all rejoice.

Flora is well & happy.

Please send me the amount through the E. M. & L. T. Compy— if convenient as it is less expense.

With kind regards— Most truly yours

G. L. White

Sept. 21. 9

A. D. Smith, Esq:
Cashr. Memphis Bch.
Nat. F. S. & T. Co.
42 Beale St. Memphis Tenn

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 19th inst. with Twenty nine dollars & seventy three cents ($29.73) enclosed is received and the amt. placed to the Credit of Phelo Academy.

Were the $25 paid through you in my absence credited on acct of Lizzie Johnson's bill? I supposed they were but need certain information.

We are very grateful to you & other good friends in Mem. for very many past & continued kindnesses. Accept our thanks. Our school is a grand success.

With high personal regard
Most truly Yours
Geo. L. White Treas.

Septr. [illegible] 9

Tony Foulkes
65 [illegible] St.
Memphis, Tenn
Dear Sir;

Your letter of 19th inst is received also the P.O. orders — one 15.00 & the other 5.00 in all — 20.00 — which sum is credited on my books — viz. to George Foulkes — 5.00 — and to Marguerite McAllister 15.00 —

Their total expenses for boarding & tuition is about 12.50 each — per month. or a total of $44.25 until Christmas —

It will cost them something more than this extra for Books & Stationery —

They are both well — I have furnished them with some books and will see that they are fully supplied —

Most truly Yours,
Geo. L. White
Treasurer

Sept. 25th 9.

Lindsey Roberts, Esq.
Rogersville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Sept. 7th, 1876 — was recd after some delay in the office here —
The $1.00 which was inclosed was received and duly credited to you —
We are sorry that you have decided to leave school. We hoped that you would go through and graduate. There is so great a demand and so little supply of educated men that the people can ill afford to spare you —
School opened a week ago full — we now have 216 in attendance and more coming in every day.
We have upwards of fifty students in the boarding department and they are the finest company of young people in [illegible] —

Most truly Yours — Geo. [illegible]

Sept. 21st — 9

Rev. E. H. Anderson and
daughter Phebe J. Anderson

Dear Friends:

I have received this day from the Cashier of the Bank in Memphis — A. D. Smith — a check for — 39.72 — balance due on Phebe's bill — I am very thankful for the remittance.

Our school is filling up rapidly — we have now two hundred and fifty enrolled — with fifty one boarders — Everything now indicates a more successful year than ever before —

I hope to be able to visit Memphis — within a few weeks — We hope that Phebe will be able to return to school —

With best wishes for your health & prosperity

Very truly Yours

Geo. L. White
Treas.

Sept. 21st 2

Oliver Ditson & Co.
Publishers - 277 Wash St. Boston
Gentlemen

In connection with my school work among the colored people, we are trying as best we may with the means at command to correct the wretched style of singing they have in their church worship - and develop their really good natural talent & gift for music. There are in connection with the churches here some six or seven "choirs" numbering about 250 members - They sing with great spirit but lack in understanding - and there is a great deal of jealousy & ill feeling among them - I am endeavoring to put a ~~plan~~ into execution a plan for bringing them together for instruction and drill. I have had two meetings - and have succeeded in allaying the ill feeling & correcting differences - and are ready for work. We next need a good book

& be adopted uniformly by the choirs. —
I have no book in my library which I think better adapted to my wants than the Carmina Sacra-Enlarged — or American Tune Book published by you. I have two obstacles in the way of introducing a new book to the churches. The first is the people are very poor — and hardly able to purchase — the 2d is that there is strong oppositions on the part of some to the introduction of a new book at all.

I shall need about 100 copies of the book: if I succeed. I must respectfully ask that if feasible — you give us a liberal discount on the books — to aid us in this work.

If you can put them low enough so that I can let the singers have them for about a dollar each — You may send me one hundred copies by [illegible] — route — and I will send you a draft for the amount on receipt of your bill.

I need the books [illegible] — and the delay of correspondence would lessen my chance of success in the undertaking.

Hoping that you can put the books within my reach.

With great respect
Very Truly Yours
Jno. Lawkins
Treas. of Fisk University

P.S.
I will add that my work is almost wholly missionary in its character — and that I receive not compensation [illegible] — for my labor and the risk I run. I enclose in this circular &c — and forward a copy of your last catalogue by current mail. In all probability & I may say with certainty that the introduction of 100 copies of Am. Tune Book here — will make it a standard church book for colored people in this part of the State — and the demand in days to come will be larger. Lyon

Septr. 22d 9

Allen Ferguson, Esq.
Glencoe Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 8th inst with Eighty three dollars and thirty five cents enclosed was duly received— and the amount credited as directed viz thirty five dollars to your account. and forty eight dollars and thirty five cents to acc of Mr. & Mrs. Daniels. I will write you again soon and send a statement of the expense of your young people the coming year—

I am very glad to inform you that Rosanna and Ellen have given their hearts to Christ. and are happy in His love, The boys are seeking to know the way of life— George was much affected by your letter giving account of his little brother's death— He seems very thoughtful and serious— He has grown more manly in his ways of late— and seems very earnest and attentive to his lessons. All are quite well. and are doing better than ever before.

With kind regards
Very truly Yours
Geo. [illegible]

Sept. 23d, [illegible]

Mrs. A. [illegible].
Clay Avenue - [illegible]
St. Louis - Mo -

Dr. Madame -

Yours of inquiry regarding the Labor Department - is received. In reply permit me to say that all our students are expected to do a certain amount of labor in connection with doing certain duties. That is all. We have no manual labor department - where a student can pay all his or her way.. We have reduced our board to the lowest possible figures - to put the advantages of the school within reach of all. It only costs about $12.00 per month for board - tuition, room rent, lights & washing. If your daughters can pay that amount - we will be very glad to have them enter school -

Most truly yours,

September 23rd

Mrs. Maria Rankin,
141 Beal St. Memphis - Tenn.

Dear Madam

I hand you inclosed herewith a receipted bill for Mattie's Board, Tuition and Piano practice - the present term. Miss Sheppard has arranged her music and practice hours - that she may practice systematically - and to some purpose - She seems to be doing very well so far. and I think is getting interested in her school studies. I shall be pleased to carry out your wishes - as far as you make them known and I am able to do so.

I hope to be able to visit Memphis within a few weeks - and can then confer with you personally - on this subject.

With kind respect
Most truly yours
Geo. L. White Treas.

Septr. 27th — 9

Rev. Edwd. P. Smith,
New York

Dear Sir;

Your letter of 23d inst — stating that Wheeler & Wilson will ship us one of their Machines in a day or two — at a cost of [illegible] — is just received —

Do you intend that I shall pay W. & W. [illegible] for this machine? If so I must inform you that I couldn't at present buy one at 36 cents without taking money which would be better used in another direction. Perhaps I do not understand your letter. We are needing money for forty purposes more than the purchase of sewing machines — although any it could be made quite useful at times —

Most truly yours

Geo. [illegible]

Treas.

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October 14 - 9

[illegible] M. Roberts
Knoxville Tenn

Dear Bro. Yours of 27th instant is rec'd. You are mistaken in regard to my complaining of the way you paid your bills. The only remark I ever made to any one about your paying your bill was when Prof. Ogden - spoke of your having ~~that~~ stock - when I said what I did - which was talked over between us at the time.

Of course I don't want to urge you or any one to come here to school - against your own wishes. but if you wish to come. I will give you such terms as will accommodate you - if possible. There is no young man that I have taken greater interest in, or would be more glad to help through college than yourself.

Please write me again and let me know what your wishes are - and how soon you can come [illegible]. In all things my wish is that you should finish your college course at some date - and go to your life work with the power which it will give. Sincerely yours
[illegible]

Don't understand me as urging you to come here against other offers which [illegible] for [illegible] you know [illegible] I wish that you should do the best for yourself - possible - and that which [illegible]

October 14. 9

Sarah J. Grant. Chattanooga.

Dear Pupil and Friend:

Your letter of Sept. 28th is received. You do not state exactly what you will be able to pay. Will you be able to pay me anything in the next year if you return? I want you to return and will do all I can for you. and we can help you some — on the same terms as last year. Write and tell me clearly about what you can do. and I will consider the matter and give you a definite answer — and one that I think will be satisfactory to you. I hope you will be able to bring [illegible] with you when you return —

School is prospering finely. We have an enrollment of upwards of 300 — with 58 in the boarding department. Prof. Spence — our new Principal is well liked — With kind regards

Very truly yours

October 1st — [illegible]

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
76 Elm St. Cincinnati, O.
Dear Brother;

Laura [illegible] from St. Charles Tues. P.M. and I met her at Indianapolis Thursday morning. We reached [illegible] the same evening all safe and well — with the exception that Laura is having trouble with an old tooth she had filled — and her face is swollen badly. We are now in Room No. 3 at the front. I failed to get a suitable house to live in outside at any price. All seemed unanimous in the opinion that I could not be expected to live outside — and after studying the matter over & over, I have employed a carpenter to finish off two rooms of the old [illegible] rooms next the chapel — these I [illegible] after No. 10. and shall use it as a [illegible]. We shall use No. 5 as a [illegible] [illegible] affairs — and general [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] — will buy [illegible] ([illegible]) [illegible] the 4 rooms. [illegible] for the furniture.

It will cost about $1000. to fit up our rooms. I shall finish them off in good style — similar to the inclosed plan. It was the best arrangement I could make — and as cheap as any. I will bear as much of the expense of fitting them up as you think just. I think I can get through it all comfortably excepting — [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]. I need $200. which I have no means of raising, to make the first payment on the work and buy some furniture &c — Can you let me have so much? I don't see any way to get along without it.

The school is doing well. We have now fifty four students in the Boarding dep't. The boys rooms are about full. We have had to use some of them in connection with the laundry — and as rooms for help. If all come who expect to now, we shall have no places for them. Our best students are out teaching — and as they close their schools they will come in. We have rooms for only four more. I am thinking that something will have to be done.

I will write again of this —

Very truly yours

Geo. L. White

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R. E. Waters Esq.
Chattanooga.

Dearly Beloved – How are you?
We are well & prospering beautifully.

How about "Hillards Readers"? we need a supply, if we continue their use – of 4th & 5th. If you have them send one doz – of each – at your lowest price – also 1 doz – Stafford's ink – such as I bot. before –

Have you Harkness Lat. [illegible]. Cornell's Geography – Rays – Arithmetics – and at what price –

Come & see us –

With kindest regards
Most truly yours
Geo [illegible]

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John L. Glenn Esq
Water Tax Coll'r.
Nashville.

Dear Sir:

Your notification regarding the water tax now due from us - of yesterday - is just received -

Permit me to request a delay of a few days. as our financial condition is such that it would be very difficult for me to pay the amount just now. It shall be paid within ten days -

With great respect
Very truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treasurer

Oct 9th — 9

George Evans, Esq.
La Grange Tenn
Dear Bro;

Yours favor of Sept 13th is recd — answer has been delayed that I might get you the books requested. I have not yet rec'd them — I send you all I have of Happy Voices, and the old books requested. I will send you the 25 Happy Voices if I can get them in time. You can pay me 30¢ each for the Happy Voices — as they are the net cost. School is flourishing — We have fifty six in the boarding depart. at present and more coming. Mr. Roberts expects to come down. Many of the old students are here and doing well. We all miss Prof. Ogden but have a good man in his place. Everything is going on smoothly. We have great religious interest and many have been converted — Some from Memphis.

We shall expect that you will return soon [illegible]

[illegible] S. C. [illegible]

[illegible] Esq
[illegible]
Cleveland O.

Dear Sir Your letter of [illegible] is recd.
I need a [illegible] of [illegible] very much. or at least I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as I have not heard from Mr [illegible] what books he has adopted for the schools, and I have been short of money.

If you will send me [illegible] one half dozen of the [illegible] adopted by Mr [illegible], or [illegible] which you may have [illegible] by any [illegible] and a few [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before. I will send you a draft for the amount of your bill with [illegible].

Mr Ashley cannot [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] funds by express.

Mr Ashley brought me a [illegible] soon after my return from the North [illegible] he said he could keep until you sent me, as he [illegible] [illegible] you on the subject. I told him I would submit and if you sent another I would pay for the one.

I failed to get a recommendation of the lamps written in time to send with the others - or to get the signatures of the other gentlemen here - and wrote the one Mr Ashley sent your father for his use here among our acquaintances - not for publication - However you are at liberty to use it as you see fit.

I am prepared to recommend the lamp as the safest best lamp I am acquainted with. And I fully believe that its general introduction & use would save many lives - and prevent much suffering -

Sir, Our prospects for a successful school year were never more encouraging -

With great Respect

Yours very Truly

Geo L White

Oct. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Dear [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]
and forward the bill [illegible]
for the [illegible] with the [illegible]
by the [illegible]
[illegible] wishes [illegible]
is [illegible]
[illegible]
that [illegible]
that [illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Messrs [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] - O.

Gentlemen,

Yours favor of 6th inst. inclosing duplicate bill of butter purchased by Mr. Cravath. is recd.

Did Mr. Cravath direct you to collect this bill from me — or does he provide for it?

The butter was received in due time and in good order. I think it gives good satisfaction.

I should be glad to order what butter we use from you as long as I can get it at as reasonable a rate as I could here — At present prices it will be greatly to our advantage to buy from you. If convenient to you you may send by Express as before — four similar tubs — or about three hundred pounds.

I can send you draft for payment of bill — giving me 30 days — occasionally. I may be obliged to go over this time a few days.

[illegible] use of such arrangement will be satisfactory to you.

Should I be able to sell to dealers here any part of books ordered from you ~~[illegible]~~ in of an advance sufficient to cover expense charges I suppose you would have no objection.

I have recd a letter from Mr. [illegible] in which he recommends me to purchase from you & directs that I settle all bills for such purchases directly with you on the Cin. Office in [illegible] [illegible]

I am gentlemen

With great respect

Most truly yours

Geo. [illegible]

October 26 - 9

Messrs Dibbert & Fowler

Gentlemen:

You promised me certainly to give me my rooms ready for use last week - It is now Wednesday - & no approach to completion - I can wait no longer - if the work is not completed by twelve o'clock today - ~~I shall con~~ please consider our contract at an end - and I will complete the work through other parties - at your expense

Very respectfully yours
Geo L White
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Nov. 7th — 9

John [illegible] Esq.
Cor of 85 De Soto St.
Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Sir,

Yours favor of 29th of October was duly rec'd, and in compliance with your request I have requested Miss Matson to hand me any letters not addressed as you indicated.

The enclosed letter was handed me – which I referred for the information of Miss Matson – the Supt. of the Young ladies. I am sorry that Julia has such a foolish notion in her head. I have said nothing to her regarding it. or to anyone except Miss Matson. & Mr Spence – Of course it [illegible] you as to Julia remain in school. Please notify me of your action in the matter.

Most Truly Yours
Geo. L. White
Treasurer

Nov. 9th [illegible]

Captain [illegible] U.S.
[illegible]

Captain:

I enclose herewith a true copy of the bill upon which you paid the [illegible] to Mr. Foster. I am extremely sorry for the delay but it was unavoidable as neither Major Willets nor his records were within reach at the time. Mr. Foster has made every effort to secure the record. If you will transfer this account to the proper form and return it to me I will see that it is properly certified.

With respect
Most truly yours
Geo. [illegible]

Nov 8th

Rev. [illegible]
[illegible] St. New York

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 31st inst is received. I have been expecting it for some time with fear and trembling. I knew that I ought to have sent my report, and have felt worried that I could not do so. I came back fully intending to systematize my work, so that I could keep it up, work before the opening of the term I did having things well in hand. I had my office done arranged with every thing running nicely. But with the opening of the term came a rush of work & demands of such that my systematic work fell & could not keep up. To do as I would I have been obliged to make both as I could meet the circumstances.

My day book is up to date save a few items in my memorandum book which I shall write up today then I shall have the whole thing to post to ledger account and my report to make up from that

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and [illegible] record. I hope to get it done this week. Prof Spence and Mr Smith are both new men and though they are each doing splendidly you can imagine something of the multitude of perplexing questions to answer and problems to solve which from the nature of the case fall on me. Then as our students have mostly come here through correspondence or arrangements made personally with me, I stand between them and their parents and am obliged to keep in mind to some extent the circumstances of each, to look out for their pocket money, and the many little questions of books, stationery, pencils, shoes, clothing &c &c – and I cannot give this to a third party to do because any other person does not know the peculiar circumstances of each case and could not act wisely. Another great tax on my time is the constant changes and repairs which we are obliged to make owing to the temporary character of our buildings. I am obliged to alternate between carpentering, bricklaying, plastering painting, glazing & puttying

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aid from outside — property and regular work. is becoming to press heavily upon us. I ought to go to [illegible] right away, and to several other points where we have schools which are suffering for want of attention. Another thing has been our work among the Sabbath Schools and Churches of the city — our missionary work — and the general movement we have made along the whole line to break down prejudice with the people and restore the confidence which was shaken by the resignation of Prof. Ogden. I could mention other things in which I have had a large share of labor, but from this little outline you can see that I have not been idle. I have done the things that seemed of the most importance — looking to the future good of the school — You have already been informed of the results of some of this work. I cannot write fully of our finances until I get my report made out. We have now sixty two boarders. Those who have been out teaching are beginning to come in. Mr. and Mrs. Loring are here. [illegible] Barnes will finish his school this week and others will be in soon. We have a greater proportion of

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young men than heretofore and of a better class of students; and the prospect is that this proportion will increase as the year advances. A portion make their payments regularly, others paid in advance, the remainder, nearly one half, owing to different causes, have as yet paid nothing. As nearly as I can estimate, if all which is now due for board and tuition for this term was paid in, I should be able to pay all I owe and leave intact the amount loaned last year. I expect that some of this money will be delayed. Those who have taught will have to wait some time for their pay. No one of them have received anything yet. As to our present necessities I think we shall have to put the primary school into the chapel, and partition off that room for sleeping and study rooms for the young men who will begin to come in soon. I have but just received the irons for the drying room — that is to be put up. I must get a few more tables (these we can make) and a few more chairs and bedsteads for the boys rooms. We need about thirty more settees for the chapel and sitting rooms.

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Every seat in the chapel was full at Sabbath School last Sabbath and we have no room to put in. We have thought best in view of the previous surroundings of Prof. Spences to make some changes and improvements for his comfort. His wife is in very delicate health, which with other reasons induced me to do this. I have taken down the partition between No's 8 and 9. making one large sitting room, which I shall paint and paper. I have put up a chimney at one side and shall put in a grate. I have found it necessary to pave the walk just in front of the chapel. All these things though but small in themselves cost a good deal in the aggregate. I have considered all that I have done absolutely necessary just now. Could you not send me, of the supplies named in your letter, two hundred dollars, to help me through present necessities occasioned by these improvements and changes. Then should there be anything to spare, we need next to these a carpet of good cocoa matting for our family sitting room.

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The sitting room is 17 x 24 feet. We shall have to change the seats and seat it as a chapel with the organ and desk at one end. This will soon wear out the carpet that is now on it. If we get matting now we can save enough out of the carpet to cover two of the teacher's private rooms which now have bare floors. Next to the matting we need about six mattresses for teacher's beds. next about twenty five or thirty yards of table linen. next four doz. each of tea and table spoons. next forks for the family.

I found yesterday that a Bradbury piano has been lying at the depot for over two weeks. marked Geo. L. White. Nashville Tenn. I received intimation through Mr Bowman a few days ago that a piano had been shipped to us. and putting the two together I laid claim to the instrument. The agent hesitated about giving it up. but I got his permission to go bail for one week so I have it. If I had known of it a little sooner. it would have saved us one quarter's rent of a piano which I rented about the time that must have come. Please inform me whether you sent the piano or not. Our music will pay for itself and leave something, enough, if

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I can collect all, to pay interest on the instruments and keep them in repair. We have twenty two paying scholars at 3 and 4 dollars per month. The sewing machine came yesterday with the blankets and sheeting. All came in good order and will be useful. In regard to the school, judging from its present condition and prospects, this year will be an improvement in many respects on any previous year.

Professor [illegible], though perhaps not so fully up to all the details of the work as he will be with longer experience in it, has made no mistakes in adapting himself to the peculiar trials and difficulties incident to his position. He is full to overflowing with the spirit of the Master, and is laboring even beyond his strength to instil into the minds of pupils for whom we labor those principles of wisdom which guide and purify the heart, as well as the knowledge that disciplines and strengthens the mind.
We all feel [illegible] refreshed by his connections. A continued religious interest has been in the family, and very many have been brought to Christ. Our young people are encouraged to feel this Christianity [illegible].

and with the direction and cooperation of the Principal and teachers they go forth with hearts warm with the love of Jesus to do good in his name. Others outside, many of whom are old in sin, are becoming interested and inquiring the way of life. and some have been hopefully converted.

We all rejoice at the good which is commenced among the poor and outcast. we pray that it may spread and increase until all the city shall be stirred up and shall labor to this end.

I have never met a man, unless it be Brother Cravath, with whom I was more heartily in sympathy in religious matters.

We are moved and settled in our new quarters, and enjoy them very much. Laura is not quite as well as when she first came down but still is comfortable. Lenie and Caddie are both well and growing finely. It has cost us a good deal to fix up these rooms but I felt that I could not ask Laura to stay here another year and live as we have done.

I think the roof all right. Miss Stratton has not returned here.

With love to all
Most truly Yours
Geo. L. White

Nov. 14th — 8

Rev. [illegible]
Memphis. Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Your letter of the [illegible] (by Express) is just received. The enclosed [illegible] Dollars is duly credited to Sophia's Account. I am very sorry that there is any cause for dissatisfaction. I think that Sophia is doing well in the grade in which she now is. It was not on account of her reading that she was put back but on account of other studies in which she was not so proficient, and which she could learn to much better advantage in the Elementary department than she could in the Grammar or High Schools. I expect to go to Memphis on Saturday next and will talk with you personally about the matter. Very truly yours

Geo. L. White

Nov. 18th

John Ruhm Esq
Atty for R. R. Wright
Nashville. Tenn

Sir,

I have consulted with Judge Lawrence / Major Hopkins & other Trustees regarding the claims of Mr. Brown.

We can bring an offset of two or three times the amount of Mr. Brown's claim, which of course we shall do if the matter is pushed.

But for reasons partly stated to you this morning, we propose to settle by giving Mr. Wright our obligation to pay him Seventy five dollars, for which receipting to us in full.

In behalf of the Trustees

Very respectfully yours

Geo L White

Treasurer

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Rev. E. M. Cravath

Dear Bro.

With my best efforts it is Friday night - the 18th - & the report not ready yet.

I send the totals - and bills forward a report in detail soon -

I have expended on account

of the "Home" - Sept. 1st	$1706.74
School Expenses & repairs	678.49
Total	$2385.23

I have rec'd - for same time

From Board -	1245.28
" Missions - Children	96.00
" School tuition	245.50
" Sale of Books & Stationery	126.50
Total	$1713.28
The balance	671.95

is in part money deposited, and partly unpaid obligations. -

Prof. Spence's rooms are about completed ready

for use - Mrs Spence came tonight.
I expect to go to Memphis - tomorrow. All well & prospering. -

With love to all

Most truly Yours

Geo. Whipple

Nov. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible]
Dear Sir

Yours [illegible] of [illegible] instant is just rec'd — Many thanks for the [illegible] inclosed, which is credited [illegible] and I am very glad to hear from you. I looked for you in Memphis — but was not able to find you.

Am glad to know that you are well —

Our school was never more flourishing than at present — we have [illegible] students in our family — and 300 or over in school —

I saw many friends in Memphis — visited Mr Barnum's school — I am glad he has commenced work again with [illegible] good prospects — With kind regards

Most truly yours

Geo. L. White [illegible]

Nov. 26th — 3

Montgomery Esq
Genl. Agent W. [illegible]
Dear Montgomery
Dear Sir,

The lamps requested by me came in due time & in good order. Please find inclosed draft for the amount of the bill. ($13.50).

The delay has been caused by my absence from the city in Memphis & West Tenn.

We need lamps for our chapel very much. I would order them but I have no means at present of paying for them. I have purchased five lamps, [illegible] to fill 2- & 3-burner chandeliers. We need another 3 burner chandelier with lamps and lamps & braces to supply two 6-burner chandeliers making 15 lamps & one 3 burner chand. in all. We have a great work on our hands this year and very limited means. We hope to be better off some day.

I am very much obliged to you for that beautiful parlor lamp. With great respect

Cordially Yours Geo. L. White

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Lindsay M. Roberts,
Rogersville Ten.
Dear Miss:

Your letter of 26th inst. is just rec'd. — I wrote you on Saturday in reply to your previous letter.

Certainly you can return and pay at the 1st of March — if that will accommodate you. I expect you to do the best you can. and having done that, we shall endeavor to aid you to complete your course — if you return to us. I will accept the terms you propose, and we shall be glad to see you next week — Bring Laura Baxter with you — if possible — If she will consent to remain until she graduates. I think there are friends who will see her through —

Most truly yours — Geo. L. White

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Miss Susie Todd—
Fayetteville, Tenn—
Dear Friend:

Your letter of Nov 22 & your first remittance the money-order— are duly received— and credited on your account.

Of course you can return if you wish— we are able to trust the reference—

We shall be glad to see you— & hope you may be able to come— Please write one word at once whether you will certainly come. As we are now nearly full— and have many applications for admission—

With kind regards
Most truly yours

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R. H. Smith Esq.
Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Sir,

I send you inclosed the bill of R. R. Sand — of which I spoke to you. Please forward it to him & do the best you can with it.

I had a pleasant trip on my return — reached home Thursday morning — found all well. We had a fine Thanksgiving — Meeting in Chapel in the morning — & turkies — in the P.M. We are filling up with students rapidly. Jas. Burrus — is in school. Holmes — has his school [illegible] will be in. Roberts will be here next week — & I expect bring Laura Burton. I found Emma Evans here on my return.

We shall look for you soon —

Kind regards to Mrs Smith & all friends.

Write me often. Most truly Yours

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R. R. Church
Memphis. Tenn.

To Balance due on board
~~tuition~~ of Laura Church — 29.85
To Cash furnished Laura
Church to pay her expenses to Memphis — 10.00

39.85

Mr. Church:
Dear Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to the balance as above — due on your acct for Laura's Expenses which ~~have~~ ~~[illegible]~~ By your personal request and assurance that the money should be paid. I gave you time to make payment also advanced to Laura $10.00 out of my own pocket to pay her expenses to Memphis: that she might go and visit the past. Is it asking too much to request payment of this balance of $39.85. We are working hard to build up an Institution that shall benefit the people. At present it only about half pays expenses. And we are in consequence very much inconvenienced for want of money – especially do we need these little balances which are due. I therefore ask that you pay this – either to the bearer Mr Hamilton – or remit a our demand by draft.

With great respect
I remain truly
yrs &c

Nov. 28.

Messrs Hughes & Miles
Shiloh O.
Gentlemen:

I send you enclosed draft on N.Y. for the amt of your bill of Nov by [illegible] The butter was recd in good order and is good.

If convenient please send two similar tubs right away — or send me at once and another in a few days — We shall use such a tub about every 5 or 7 days. Can you supply us with ~~the~~ that article or more if we should need it?

Most truly yours,
[illegible]
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December 14. [illegible]

John McDonald Esq

Dear Sir — Your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to report [illegible] which [illegible] has not [illegible] [illegible]. He [illegible] all the [illegible] the heart of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] he is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] any former time [illegible] [illegible] I read him your letter and [illegible] talk with him about it. He is very much afraid of leaving his home; also of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] left to himself. I shall require him to write you a letter each week which will enable you to judge of his improvement if he should remain any.

Herewith you [illegible] a bill for his board [illegible] for the year 1849, and from [illegible] 12.50 [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] 1850. [illegible] [illegible] and for the [illegible] bill for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Allen [illegible] Esq.　　　Dec. 6th ——
[illegible], Wis.

Dear Sir. I send you inclosed – bill for board and tuition – including also clothing so furnished him during the year. From the first bill you will see that after the $25 sent me, which [illegible] with the other amounts also kept &c. is deducted – a balance is due of $20.05. His whole expenses for the present year – Board, tuition and a pair of shoes furnished him yesterday amounts to $122.00 which added to the balance makes a total of $142.05 – for the year ending the third Friday in June – 1871.

Of this amount – the balance $20.05 – and the Fall term $45.25 (= $65.30) is now due – the amount for the winter term – [illegible] – will be due January 1st – 1871. You will please remit such amount as you may be able at your earliest convenience. I am greatly in need of money – and must have some here.

George is doing well in school – He will need some clothes for winter. I bought him shoes yesterday which he was very much in need of. He needs some shirts now - but I have not the money to purchase them.

Please remit at once.

Very Truly Yours

Geo. L. White
Treas.

Dec. 6 –

[illegible]
[illegible] Memphis –
Dear Madam

Your letter of inquiry regarding the amount paid on Flora's bill was duly received. The amount forwarded by you was received October 26. duly credited to you and receipt of same acknowledged – the same day. but which was probably mislaid as you did not receive it.

Flora is very anxious to hear from home, she says you do not write to her –
She is well – and is doing very much better than she was last year –

I was disappointed that I did not see you personally while I was in Memphis – but my book in which I have recorded – street & no. of those I wished to see – was accidentally left behind – & I could not learn your place of residence

Please remit the balance due on Flora's bill & oblige

Very truly yours Geo. L. White

December. 7th — 9

[illegible] Esq.
Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram is just received - We had quite a serious trouble among the young ladies in the Ladies Dormitory - a sort of young rebellion - but it is all satisfactorily settled. It was the first difficulty we have had this year - and by prompt actions on my part it was most thoroughly settled - and all are at work better - and in a better state of mind than before - These troubles will arise - even in small families - much more in a family of seventy members - but if properly dealt with they are like the storms of spring which only clear the air.

I am sorry for any uneasiness on the part of parents - be assured that if there is any occasion for uneasiness - I will write you at once. I will overhaul this matter of correspondence again - and see who is writing the news -

The young ladies - and all from Memphis - are well and were never doing better than now.

Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

Wednesday Dec. 7th — [illegible]

Hon. H. S. Foote.
Nashville Tenn. Dear Sir We are informed by our friend Judge Lawrence, that he has had conversation with you in regard to a lecture to the students and friends of this institution — and that you have kindly consented to deliver a lecture some evening next week.

I am directed by the faculty to say to you that if it suits your convenience — we will fix next Thursday evening, 15th inst — 7½ o'clock — as the time of the lecture.

We have a great work on our hands in a new and peculiarly difficult field of labor — and are very much desirous to have the acquaintance and have the sympathy of men of your position and liberality of views — that we may receive your aid and encouragement in that which is right and good — and that that which is not best may be restrained.

We would be pleased to have you make

at least a short visit to our school before the time for your lecture. If you have the leisure - and will name day - hour and place I will call for you with a carriage -

With great respect
Most truly Yours
Geo. L. White
Treas

Dec. 7th ——— .

M. W. Montgomery
Cleveland, Ohio;

Dear Sir;

Your letter of Dec. 3. is just rec'd. I was not intending to make a personal appeal to you for aid — in my letter of 26th ultimo — You spoke of supplying our Church in a former letter — and I referred to our difficulties as a reason why I could not order them at once.

I believe that such men as yourself need this in business — and do what is right without much urging. We are, as I wrote before, very much in need of lamps — but as I cannot see my way clear to certainly pay for them, even with 60 days time, I cannot order.

I cannot afford to give an obligation which may go to protest

Most truly yours

Geo. L. White
Treas

Mr. Ackey prefers a lamp — in the place of the one he loaned me — to payment for it — therefore if you will put one into the next box of goods shipped to him — and send the bill to me I will pay it. It was a similar lamp to that sent me — with an Argand burner — & common plain shade.

Yrs L Tappan

Dec. 7th — 9

Mrs. Lydia Carter
Corner 10th & Orange Sts
Saint Louis Mo.

Dear Madam

Is it asking too much to request you to pay me the balance due on Sarah's board — which amounts to $33.75. (On bill sent Feby 4.) I need the money very much. I depended on your word in the matter, you assured me that it would be paid — Sarah came and told me, after she came back this fall that you would send the money soon. Yet months roll by and I hear nothing from it.

I ask again most respectfully and earnestly — is it asking too much — will you send me the money.

Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

Washington [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

Your letter enclosing one from Fannie to you is just received. The trouble in which Fannie was implicated was in no way connected with writing letters. Letters may have been written to Memphis in which the trouble of the young ladies was referred to in a way that left a very [illegible] impression of the nature of the offence and of the settlement. The offence was a rude, boisterous play during study hours in the Ladies Hall and a violation of Miss [illegible]'s orders and contempt for her authority. No one was "locked up" – they were simply sent to their rooms until the matter was settled. It is all satisfactorily arranged and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] happy as [illegible] Fannie & Lulu the best girls in school, as before. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of any of the young ladies [illegible] trouble of a serious [illegible] in our [illegible]. I will write you at [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] was not very rich. [illegible] could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Saturday – Dec 18th d

[illegible] Welborn Esq
Chester Miss

Dear Sir

Your letter of 7th inst. enclosing Seventy Dollars ($70.00) – with the package for Ida – are just received per Express.

The money ($70.00) is credited to the acc of Ida & Walter – Many thanks for the remittance.

Ida and Walter are both well – and I think both are learning fast. Ida is a little mischievous at times – but generally both are well behaved – attentive, and respectful to their teachers.

Ida is much delighted with her bundle. Our School is very large – We now have about 70 in the Boarding Dept with an attendance of 320 to 350.

Most truly Yours
Geo. L. White

P.S. – Walter tells me that Ida is writing – asking to be taken home. She is doing well – and it seems to me that it would be a great injury to her to leave School at present. Both Ida & Walter will make good Scholars if kept in School.
G.L.W.

December 19th.

Hon. W. F. Prosser
M. C.
Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that a tract of five acres of land - the site of Fort Houston - west Nashville - is owned by the U.S. Government - and that the Government is desirous of making some disposition of it.

We are rapidly outgrowing our present grounds and shall be obliged to move our School at no distant day. The land referred to is in a most desirable location for the future University. I have the honor to request you to investigate the conditions of this property, and see whether or not it could be obtained for the purpose named at a low figure - or as a gift to the University. You know of our work and necessities - With great respect

Most truly yours, Geo. L. White.
Treasurer.

Monday, Dec. 19th, a

Rev. T. A. [illegible]
Supt. Pub. Schools.
Irondale Mo.

Dear Sir;

Miss Margaret A. Dutton of St. Louis who taught a free School for colored Children in Potosi. Washington. Co. Mo. is now a Student in the Normal Department of this University.

I write at her request to ask that you furnish her with a certificate to cover the time of her last Term – viz: March 1st to June 3rd. 1875 – in order that she may receive the pay now due her for teaching.

Miss Dutton seems to be a most worthy young lady – and will make a good Scholar & also a good teacher – and it is very desirable that she should be able to complete the year in School, which she cannot do if she fails to get the money due her.

Hoping that you may be able to confer this favor
I am with great Respect Most truly Yours
Geo. [illegible]. Missouri.

December – 17th

R. P. Clark
Pulaski. Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Your letter of 6th instant – relative to a teacher for your school – was received in due time. Answer has been delayed that I might look about and if possible find you the right sort of person for a teacher. I have not been able as yet to find you a good teacher. Those of our students who are qualified have taught – or are now engaged in teaching. Some sixty or seventy have been thus engaged during the past year. All that have returned will remain in school until the end of the Spring session – when they will again teach. At that time we could for good salary send you a first class teacher –

Am very sorry that we cannot accommodate you now. If our offer [illegible] will let you know at once.

Most truly yours Geo. White

Dec. 17th [illegible]

Miss Maggie Porter
Murfreesboro
My Friend

I presume you have rec'd the copy of "Esther" before this. I sent it in the same mail with the letter.

I have marked your part and you will observe that the Queen's part — your — is a principal part & will require much care & labor to sing it well.

Tom will sing the part of Mordecai & probably Mr. Evans the part of the King.

Learn it if possible yourself & then come up when you can & practice it. If you will learn it so that you do yourself & the School credit I will pay all the necessary expenses of your coming up for practice.

Come & stay during Christmas week if you can.

Most truly yours
Geo L White

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

M. R. J. [illegible] Esq.
Pulaski, Tenn.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry that you were not [illegible] it convenient to return to school. Your bill is as follows—

Board 6 weeks @ [illegible]	16.50
Tuition do	1.50
	$18.00
Cr.	
By Cash	13.00
Balance still due	$ 5.00

which please remit by mail.

School is filling up — are having [illegible] of [illegible] in the Boarding Hall.

Could [illegible] from there to take your place.

[illegible]

Yours truly,

[illegible]

Dec. 21st 9

Mr & Mrs Wm Fletchall
Memphis. Tenn.
Dear Friends,

Your letters were both duly received but the remittance did not reach me until today. The amount $12.00 is placed to your credit. Please, hereafter remit through the Savings Ban on Bank Street. as it saves the express charges and is just as safe.

I shall take pleasure in attending to your wishes in regard to the box for Louisa.

Louisa is doing well and seems contented and happy. All the Memphis students are well at present.

With kind regards
Most truly yours,
Geo. L. White
Treas

Dec. 21 — 1

John Robinson Esq
Care of [illegible]
Memphis. Tenn

Dear Sir

Your remittance of twelve dollars by A. L. Smith Cashier — Dec. 8th was duly rec'd, and the amount placed to your credit.

I think Julia is doing better. So far as I can see — She is doing very much better. I think I succeeded in securing her confidence — I have put her in our Choir, and she seems very much interested in that — and in her other duties in School. Altogether it is a very encouraging report which I can give —

I hope it the good may continue. Be assured that I will do all I can to aid you —

Most truly yours,

Geo. L. White

December 21st

Rev. A. E. Anderson
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Bro.

Phebe and Mr. Routh arrived safely this morning well tired out. It was a bitter cold night and morning. Miss Watson warmed Phebe well and put her to bed in a comfortable room to get a sleep — as a good preparation for the [illegible]. She has not been up since.

Mr. Routh thinks that it is hard times here. but I guess he will be better satisfied when he gets acquainted.

Let me hear from you often.

With great respect
Most truly yours
[illegible]

P.S. I shall take pleasure in carrying out your wishes respecting your daughter.
[illegible]

Decr. 27th 9

Mrs. Maria Rankin.
115 Beal Street Memphis Ten

Dear Madam,

I have the honor to hand you, herewith enclosed bill for Nellie's Board, tuition and music (If you wish her to take lessons) from Decr. 24th to close of school year June 17. 1871.

The amounts are - for	Board -	18.75
	Tuition	7.00
	Music -	24.00
Total -		$49.75

Nellie is doing fairly well. Her teachers, Miss Morgan and Prof. Smith, say that there is a decided improvement in her, in both conduct and scholarship during the past few weeks. So far as my observation extends I think the report is correct.

She seems more interested and anxious to learn.

All our Memphis students are well and for the most part doing well.

Most truly yours, Geo. [illegible]

Dec. 29

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Field Secretary &c.

Dear Brother:

I send you, at last, my accounts for Sept. & Oct. Nov. will follow soon.

Have rec'd your letter of Dec. 20, but not the samples of blank books.

Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

Oct. 27th —

Wigbee & Hale
Shiloh - O.
Gentlemen:

Your favors of 14 & 19 instant were duly received. Bro. Brewster has been here, and during his stay my time was wholly taken up in talking over the past & planning for the future - & in reconstructing & rearranging, hence the delay in writing. We can use lard from you - @ 12½c - if freight to advantage. Please ship in such quantity as is most convenient not exceeding 500 lbs or so -

If the second butter is not disposed of you can forward it - I think we can use it to advantage.

I am not able to remit the amount due you at present. but will do so at an early day.

I have just rec'd a package which I suppose contains butter

Most truly yrs Geo. L. [illegible]

Dec. 30th 9

Revd. M. E. Strieby.
N. Y. City.

Dear Bro:

Bro. Smith told me that he thought by writing to you I could obtain several volumes of the American Missionary for our Library. Can you send them to us? If you can, please do so, as it would be a very valuable addition to our very limited stock of books.

With great respect,
Most Truly Yours,
[illegible]
[illegible]

Aug 3rd 1.

Rev E M Cravath,
Field Secy-AMA
53 Reade St N.Y.

Dear Bro:

I hereby acknowledge receipt, this day, of five checks on 4th Natl Bk N.Y.

No 3066 – favor of	Mr Edgcomb	100.00
3096	Geo L White	200.00
3097	do	400.00
3098	A K Spence	200.00
3099 –	Miss) P. E. Bullock	70.00
		970.00

Most truly yours –
Geo. L. White

Aug 6th

Rev. E. O. Tade, Esq.
Chattanooga Ten.

Dear Brother,

Yours of 3rd inst. - enclosing check for 30.00 - is rec'd. The young man who presented it (to me) claims to be Alfred Harris. The amount of your check ($30.00) is placed to his credit and he is now in school. He will room with Mr. Dickinson - and thus be partly under his care. The amount of his bill to close of the year will be as follows:

Board, 2d term - 12 weeks @	33.00	
Tuition do	2.00	- 36.00
Board 3d term 11 weeks - and one week vacation - 12 weeks @	33.00	
Tuition 3d term.	2.50	35.50
Total expenses for board & tuition to June 17th		$71.50
Cr. By cash -		30.00
Balance -		$41.50

His grand-mother has made application already for him to stay all night - go to church - & visiting with her. Your directions will be fully carried out, and he will only be permitted to go at reasonable times. Shall be glad to hear further in regard to or concerning him at any time. [illegible]

Jan 6th 1

Prof. O. T. Andrews.
Principal of Zion Academy
Cleveland Tennessee,

Your letter to Prof. Ogden was received this morning — You will see by the enclosed slip that Prof. Ogden is not now at Fisk University. He is at Kenyon College Gambia, Ohio — We are glad that Mr. Grant is coming to our school. shall look for him at the time you specified —

We are glad of all the good things we have heard of your Zion Academy and wish it all success in the future as in the past. It is a pleasure to us to be in sympathy with you in this work of education.

Truly yours
Geo. L. White.
Per. E. M. H.

Jan. 6th 1

Mrs. Minerva Singleton
Winchester, Tennessee

Your letter of Jan. 2nd is received - Willie has paid his tuition for the second term - We are very happy to say that he passed examination all right - and that his teacher reports him as one of the best and most promising students in the High School - We are very glad to say this, because we know that it will delight your heart to hear it, and because we feel ourselves such an interest in your son's progress - are sorry you could not have been here to hear his examination for yourself - Hope that when you do see him, you will find him just the good boy you expect, and much improved by his few months of study -

Yours.
Geo L. White
Per E. M. H.

Jan 6th 1

Mr. Richard Guthrie,
Linden. Perry Co. Tenn.

Mr. William Simmons arrived this morning and has entered school. We are disappointed that you did not come - hope to see you soon. The school is very flourishing never more prosperous. We are glad that you remember so pleasantly the prayer meetings you used to attend at Fisk - rest assured that you will not be forgotten there by your teachers and fellow students. We rejoice with you that three of your own scholars have been brought to the Saviour - May they with you be the means of doing much good -

We hope to be able to accommodate all students you may bring with you.

Yours,
Geo L. White,
Per E. M. H.

Aug 7th.

[illegible]
[illegible]
Gentlemen,

Sending herewith draft of N.Y. [illegible] Co. for Eighty dollars and eighty four cents ($80.84) in full settlement of the enclosed bills of date Dec. 3. [illegible] and [illegible] respectively. If I have failed to include any bill for clothing and flannel notify me. I have no complete record with me here. It would not astonish me to discover an error.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. [illegible]

Please receipt the bills & return to me.

Montgomery
May 9th

Cleveland O.
M. W. Montgomery
Dear Sir

Please send me twelve (12) Lamps of the same kind as before and send me the bill — I will pay it as soon as possible —

Also please send a barrel of chimneys as before. Perhaps you had better put in a ½ doz — argand chim — & a part of the large size common chimney —

Send the Lamps by express —

Most truly yours
Geo [illegible]
[illegible]

Jany. 11th ——— 1

Aaron Maxwell, Esq.
560 Shelby St. Memphis. T.

Dear Sir:

I send you inclosed bills for Florence's Board &c for the entire year— The total amount of the bill for the first term ending Christmas including books & music is 67.25
of this was paid 17.00
leaving - now long over due - $50.25

Her bill for the 2d term - from Dec. 2d 1870. to March 26 - 1871 - is 50.75
This amount is also ~~due (now)~~ - making a total of $101,00

You will please send me that amount at your earliest convenience. I have some heavy payments to make, and ~~must have~~ the money.

The bill for ~~the bill for the~~ 3d term ($47,50) can be paid at the close of ~~the~~ year June 17th - or any time ~~during~~ ~~that~~ term -

Florence Maxwell is doing very well indeed in all her studies. She hath done well in music & plays a piece or two pretty well. She is contented & seems very ambitious.

Please send me the money at once as I have waited a long time for it and am made very much embarrassed for want of it.

I thank you for the beautiful Christmas present which you sent me - but as we do not drink champagne being temperance people it will be kept as a token of the respect & kindness of my Memphis friends.

Most truly yours,

Geo. L. White

Treas.

Jan - 11th 1

A. D. Smith,
Freedman's Bank.
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir -

Your favor of Jan - 5th has been received - Draft for $16.00 sent by Mr. Tillman has been placed to the credit of his daughter -

Yours.
Geo L. White
Per E. Watt.

Fisk University
Nashville. Tenn. Aug 12th 1871,

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
care Straight University
New Orleans La.

Dear Brother:

Your letters from Talladega came duly to hand. It found us all well and prospering. Since then Laura has had one of her dreadfully sick spells - headache - with delirium. She was sick for a week or so - is now barely up and around. Lenny and Eddie have both been sick with colds - but are better now.

School opened Aug 2. with considerable decrease in the lower grades - but some increase in the High School I believe. All the schools are now filling up. New scholars come in to take the places of those that have left. I think we have ten new boarders since you left. The whole number is now Eighty six - with Eighty two actually present for rations.

Others have made application - I must purchase more furniture - chairs and table furniture for the dining room. lamps, chairs - bed-steads - mattresses (tick) &c for rooms. I have been obliged to make the change in the entrance to the recitation room next the office - also in order to maintain anything order in the exit from the dining room - I have had to put a door up for the gentlemen on the other side and extend the porch (floor) along to it. Can you not give me a little more money? Enough comes in to pay running expenses of the Home, - and but for these new items of expense coming up I could do very well. I have written to [illegible] to-day for some quilts and blankets if they can furnish any. We need enough - at least for [illegible] in every bed.

We have now 34 music scholars, and I have turned several away - that we could not accommodate. Your [illegible] was not done in time to send on for [illegible] - I will forward it to [illegible].

I have received a letter from Col. [illegible] asking for facts regarding the school - and saying that he would make a strong effort to have the site of Fort [illegible] donated to the University - We have prepared a full statement which will go forward tomorrow [illegible]

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

[illegible] hope for the ground [illegible] speaking.
We had a very interesting time — all the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] joined the church. We had the best prayer meetings we have had for many months. We have had a [illegible] or two on the question of order and discipline — but I think on the whole we are gaining. All are working hard to [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] within the [illegible] for it. And I have [illegible] a few [illegible] [illegible] in their [illegible] of [illegible] — but have brought [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] we may hope for better things.

I should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] something of the [illegible] teaching music that we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you have [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] so that we shall get along with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Hoping this may reach you in [illegible] — and that I may hear from you again [illegible]

Yours truly [illegible]

Jan 13th 1

H. D. Smith.
Cashier Freedmen's Bank
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir—

Your two checks on Nashville Branch on account of Ellen Carnes and Mary Fletchall $12.00 each, are received and credited to the account of Maggie Carnes and Louisa McGill —

Yours,
Geo. L. White.
Per C. M. H.

January 13th 1.

Ross [illegible]. Esq
care Empire Iron works
Jersey City N.J.

Dear Sir

I send you enclosed herewith bill for Nathan's Board. Tuition, Books &c.

The total amount due for 1st Term was $47.60
Of this was paid Sept. 10. $11.60
do Nov 29 16.00 — 27.60
leaving a balance due of — $20.00
The amount due on 2d term is 38.75
" " for clothing furnished 5.00
Making a total now due of $63.75

This amount $63.75 you will please remit at your earliest convenience. We furnished Nathan the clothing because he was destitute — if it is not satisfactory to you — it can be returned. I am disappointed that you are not more prompt in the payment of your bills. Of course if you cannot pay Nathan cannot go to school as we have no means of keeping up the Boarding department except what we take in.

His whole expense, aside from Books and clothing is but about $12.00 per month. this if paid monthly is but little, but if allowed to run on soon becomes a large debt. It is not for your interest, and most certainly not for ours - that you get in debt any great amount, for Nathan's schooling. We therefore insist on prompt payment.

Please let me hear from you at once. Nathan is improving in his studies and in deportment. He sends love to all - & very much desires to remain in school -

Most truly Yours
Geo. L. White
Treasurer

Copy of B[illegible] 3

[illegible] Sallie [illegible] Columbia, Tenn.

To Board 1st term	41 25	
" " 2d term	32 00	
" " 3d term	31 25	
" " two vacation weeks	5 50	
(Tuition paid by teaching in [illegible] class) Total am	$110 00	
To Books furnished	4 25	
	$114 25	
Contra		
By amt. appropriated from Relief Fund	50 00	50 00
" Cash. [illegible]	10 00	10 00
Balance due to June 17th 1872		$54 25

(This covers the entire school year of 1871-72 – ending June 17/72.)

The balance due on this bill can be paid as is most convenient to you. I will say that I am greatly in need of money – and would be glad of a portion of it. Sallie has become a bright devoted Christian – and is one of the most exemplary students we have. I hope that she has a bright future before her – [illegible] – Yours

January 16th

Cowperthwait & Co
Publishers & Booksellers.
628 & 630 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Six Dollars ($6.00) in payment for 15 copies Greene Analysis — as per bill inclosed —

With great respect
Most Truly Yours

Treasurer.

Anna Calkins   January 1878.   1.
[illegible] – Miss.

Dear Madam:

Rev. Mr. [illegible] hands me your note saying that you desire information regarding the expense of attending school here.

We have a large school numbering now nearly 300 day pupils from the city – and some 80 in the boarding department.

The charge for Board, including furnished room – lights – washing – fuel – is $2.75 per week.

For tuition – in the High School – for the present term of 12 weeks – $3.00 – and here [illegible] $3.00 in the lower grades are $2.50.

The total expense for the rest of this school year ending June 1878 – will be about $165.00

Should you or others be inclined to attend school here – we shall be glad to receive you. At all events I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to this subject.

With great respect, Most truly Yours
[illegible]

[illegible], Jany 9th

Revd. [illegible] [illegible]
Cumberland Univ. [illegible]
Lebanon;

Yours of Jany 5th regarding a teacher for a Freed School at [illegible] Tennessee, is received. You write of a school to be supported in part by the Common School Fund. Is your county organized under the "County System" of schools, plan provided for by the action of the present Legislature?

There is a young woman here who has taught some [illegible] of four terms of school to be paid for by the Common School Fund, who as yet remains unpaid, and is in consequence unable to procure her clothes at present. She is qualified to teach and I think would go if she could be made sure of getting her money when the work was done. If you guarantee the salary that would provide for the [illegible] difficulty.

I think she would teach for $20.00 per month. Her name is Sarah L. Bennett her home is at Cleveland — E. Tenn. She has been a student in this school for three terms — and is a member of the normal class.

Most truly yours,

Geo. L. White

Treasurer

Jany. 18th

[illegible] Monteith & Co.
Chattanooga, T.
Gentlemen;

I inclose ($15.91) Fifteen Dollars & ninety one cents - in payment of your bill.

We are using to some extent the 4th. 5th & 6th readers - and would like to continue their use. We are not able to purchase and keep on hand a supply of books - they are only for sale here as we order in small quantities -

If the publishers or yourselves can give us terms by which we can be supplied without this disadvantage we shall keep the readers in school - if not we shall be obliged to discontinue their use after this term -

We are now using 150 or more readers of the different nos. mentioned -

Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treasurer

Jany. 18[illegible] 1.

Joseph L. Delaney Esq.
Raymond Miss
Dear Sir:

Your letter of 6th ultimo addressed to Prof. Ogden is just received. Prof. Ogden is not now with us. He is in charge of a School at Worthington, Ohio. Prof. A. K. Spence from Michigan University takes his place as Principal.

We would be pleased to have you enter School here, but can see no way of doing it successfully without some money. We can not maintain a school which costs at least fifteen hundred dollars per month with nothing coming in.

The total expenses of your attending School here for Board, washing, lights, fuel and tuition will be about fifteen per month, payable in advance. We now have about 90 young people in our boarding department.

Most truly Yours

Geo. L. White - Treasurer

Jany. 19th —

Aaron Maxwell. Esq.
360 Shelby Street
Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 17th. also one from A. J. Smith cashier, enclosing $20 — just received.
The amount 20$ is placed to the credit of Florence.
I beg leave to refer you to bill in items which I enclosed in a former letter.

Total amt for 1st term — incl'd Books & Music	67.25
Total payment to this date	37.00
Balance — on 1st term overdue	$30.25
Bill for 2d term now due —	50.75
Total amt now due —	$81.00

The books & music charged on the bill — are the only extra expenses Florence has had — these were made by your direction — Of course payment a month at a time will be satisfactory to me if you only pay it so. Hoping for another remittance I am Most truly yours — Geo L White Treas.

Aug. 30th

Mr. Barker
[illegible] [illegible]
Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Sir,

I regret [illegible] your attention again to the making of the bill for [illegible] [illegible]. It is already large and daily increasing in amount. Can you not send me something at once. I have needed money very much indeed. I cannot have money here, as I cannot run the boarding dept. I have barely enough to get along with what little [illegible] [illegible] - but with board [illegible] till the [illegible] - I cannot get along. Please [illegible] you the amount of the [illegible] at least - at your [illegible] convenience. [illegible] is doing well. It is a pity to [illegible] [illegible] from any thing - but I must [illegible] something of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] payment. Let me hear from you at once.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

January 28th

Hon. W. F. Prosser,
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of another very valuable donation of books through your kind remembrance. I am directed by the Faculty of Fisk University to tender to you our sincere and hearty thanks for this and many other like favors by which we are in possession many choice volumes for our as yet small library.

I can assure you that we appreciate this kindness and that we shall ever hold the donor in grateful remembrance.

In behalf of the Faculty
I have the honor to remain
With great respect
Very truly yours
Geo. L. White [illegible]

January 28th 1.

General Clinton B. Fisk.
Saint Louis Mo.

Dear Sir: The time is near at hand with Fisk University, when we must "Root, pig, or die." Seven Students of good capacity are finishing their preparatory course, and will enter College next year. We have brought these seven from the primary grade, and others are following fast in the regular course of study. We have now over three hundred regular Students, about Eighty of whom board in our "Home".

Several questions of great and I may say vital importance as affecting the permanency of our work, will come before the Trustees at next Commencement (June 17th). Perhaps the most important will be the Location and permanent endowment of the University. I write to ask if you cannot be with us at that time, to aid with your wisdom in deciding questions so important to the ultimate success of this Institution.

which bear your name, and in which you have so deep an interest.

It has been our aim while instructing and developing those with whom we have had daily to do, to also lay broad and deep in Christ's Truth foundations for the future University - that it might endure so long as "Christ's poor" in this part of the land at least should find a strong hold of moral and intellectual influences.

Materially, the existence of Fisk University is in question. The next year perhaps must decide whether we live or die.

Will you make an effort to be with us at the time referred to aid us in the considera-tion of these things. We must have you this time. Please let us hear from you favorably at an early day.

Most truly yours,
Geo. L. White. Treasurer.

January 31st.

Bigelow & Main
Publishers
425 Broome St N.Y. City.
Gentlemen:

I send you enclosed herewith twenty four dollars — ($24.00) by draft on [illegible] Co. in payment for eighty copies Bright Jewels — on the terms proposed by you in letter of 20th inst.

Please accept my thanks for the donation.

Most truly Yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

January 31st

Messrs Brewer & Tileston
Publishers.
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of 25th instant in reply to my letter to Waters Monteith & Co. Chattanooga - regarding the continued use of Hillards Readers in this School is received. I wrote the letter referred to because they had informed me that they were to return your readers - & would not keep a supply hereafter.

The readers are not in use in this part of the South at present to any great extent - and hence are only kept for sale as they are ordered specially - We have been supplied principally heretofore from W.M.&Co. But that has been very troublesome - for we are too poor to keep any stock on hand sufficient to supply our wants - and it is a trouble to order a half doz. or doz. books by express from a city 100 miles away - when other books could be had here at the same cost less the express charges.

I don't think the terms you offer would justify us in ordering books - in any quantity suited to our ability to pay for - by express from Boston - If we were able to order a supply for a year or more - by freight - it would be some different. We are obliged to give away some books - others we fail to get pay for - and altogether with the best terms we can get it is an unprofitable business - Perhaps it would be better for us to use the readers in general use in the districts where our pupils teach.

I think we can get terms on the McGuffey or Goodrich series - (we formerly used McG. exclusively) which will be much better for us than to order small quantities - as we may need from Boston, even on the liberal terms which you propose -

Most Truly Yours

Geo. L. White
Treas.

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Aug 2d .

S. C. Griggs & Co
117 & 119 [illegible]
Chicago Ills

Gentlemen,

I forward herewith enclosed twenty five dollars (25.00) by draft of Freedman's Savings & Trust Co. in payment of enclosed bill for books furnished by Prof Spence—

I have the honor to be Gentlemen
With great respect
Very truly Yours
[illegible]
Treas

February 4th [illegible]

[illegible] Esq.
[illegible]

Dear Sir,

[illegible] from the [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] received.
[illegible] are both well. [illegible] is [illegible] and is doing very well.
The others [illegible] are not doing so well in their studies.

I have been waiting very patiently for some money from your Board. Board and tuition for these [illegible] amounts to about one hundred and twenty dollars for each student, one third of this amount was due in advance. Nearly one half of the year is now done and as yet I have received but a very small portion of what was due in advance. Please attend to this matter at once; we cannot keep up our boarding department without prompt payments.

Most truly Yours. [illegible]

A. M. A. ARC
O. ______
FISK UNIV.

February 2d 1

Rev E M Cravath
New York City

Dear Brother: Enclosed herewith I send you my statement of receipts and expenditures for the months of Dec. & January.

We furnished to teachers and students during the first term of this year an aggregate of 1659 weeks board which cost about 1.75 per week in actual consumption of food & material.

The cost is a little more now.

Our heaviest expenses proportionately is in keeping our old buildings in repair and in making the necessary changes. I have been considerably in debt but am gaining on it at present and hope next report to show substantial improvement.

Every thing is moving on smoothly.

Very truly Yours

Mrs. Bartlett

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A. ARCH
UNIV

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 6

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Dear Sir
Your letter of the [illegible] in regard to the colored boy Andrew Chandler has been referred to us by Dr. [illegible] [illegible], General Agent of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Andrew Chandler can be admitted to this institution and if the permission of [illegible] which he has kindly given can receive aid from the [illegible] amount we receive from the [illegible] [illegible]. If he could come at once the amount we could allow him would pay his boarding and tuition nearly to the end of the year and we could probably accommodate him with the balance until he could earn it by teaching. Our charges are [illegible] per month for Board & Tuition [illegible] [illegible] for the year in the High School, and [illegible] in the lower grades. Please let us hear from you again in this case.

Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas. Fisk University

Fisk University.
Nashville. Tenn: Feby 13th 1871

Rev. E. M. Cravath, Secy
Savannah. Ga.
Dear Bro

I have just rec'd your letter of 8th instant - from Macon - I wrote you and sent letter care of [illegible] University - and should have sent a letter by Mr. Pike to Atlanta - but had nothing special to write - There was no further change in the outlook -

We have now present - Students -
Young ladies - 29
Young Gentlemen 50 - total 79 -
Teachers & matron 13 Help 7. Mr. W's family 3. total 23
Total number in family 102 -

With the teachers that are at present in the ladies dormitory, there we have eleven vacancies. In the young mens rooms there are really no vacancies - but by putting 3 and in some cases 4 in a room - in the larger rooms - we can accommodate perhaps 10 more -

Financially we struggle along - Income of the 200 $

which you advised last - in due time.

I have had to purchase chairs &c for the rooms - of furniture for the dining room. and have had to do continual [illegible]ing and repairing. I have not collected quite so much from the students as I have before - and it is costing more to live this year - yet I am gaining slowly on my indebtedness. I shall do my best to make both ends meet at the close of the year & hope to nearly do so. I expect to come out as well or a little better than I did last year.

We have had a good deal of complaint about the boarding of late - and had a special meeting called on the subject of the board. A committee was appointed to investigate and report. The Committee reported a bill of fare - and recommended that a competent economical person be asked for to go into the kitchens and take personal charge of, and assist in the preparation of food. If that could be done the food could be better cooked - and a greater variety could be had from the same materials.

We have made no further effort to bring in students and none for our boarding. The money due our young people for teaching comes in slowly - and there are hopes - that in this County all will ultimately be paid

Contrary to your directions - but by request of the faculty my singing class is kept up - meeting the first half hour after school. As our regular work - we have been preparing the Cantata of Esther the Beautiful Queen - which is now about completed and we contemplate singing it two nights about the first of March - at Masonic Hall - one half the proceeds to be given to the managers of the Colored peoples Fair Grounds - We concluded that it would win their regard - & aid them in a very good work - and that we should realize as much in giving them half - as we should in keeping the whole & "going it alone." - We hope to make something -

Speaking of Board Dr. Dake - recommends that the teachers - have a separate table at least for dinner and ~~that~~ at another hour than that at which the students eat - in order that they may eat the meal which is attended with the most complaint & difficulty - with freedom from the burden of care - which always rests on the teachers at table - He (Dr Dake) says that the trouble regarding the health of our teachers arises mainly from disordered stomachs resulting from eating with present care and anxiety on the mind - which he claims is in itself dyspepsia,

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He thinks that the teachers should be present when the students eat, as in charge of so many classes — but that they should eat with freedom from care and with a cheerful flow of conversation — and that it should be made rather a social hour of recreation & enjoyment than a burden —

I shall make an effort to bring this change about here — as I believe half our grumbling and troubles arise from sour stomachs —

Our food is certainly — with one rather an unavoidable exception better than we have ever had at the Home before — yet we have never had one half the complaint & fault finding which we have had this year —

I don't know as I have written all you may desire to know — but I fear you will not get this at Savannah — so will hurry it off —

We expect the Peabody money March 1.

Laura & Louie are tolerably well — Caddy is having cold — teeth and other disagreeable things which make him about sick —

We hear nothing further from the Fort Houston site.

Most truly yours Geo. L. White

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Wm H. Murfree Esq   February 16th. 6
Duncan, Bolivar Co. Miss

Dear Sir - W. L. Murfree called on me to day and paid me $50.00 - for Mrs Phillis [illegible] on Ellen's account. He took a copy of the bill - and will write you. I enclose herewith a copy of the bill for board of Susanna and Ellen - to the close of this term - which amounts to $84. each - total - $168.00

In addition to this - I have furnished the girls with articles of clothing paper - stamps &c - amounting to $15.44 for which I have made a separate bill -

There is some talk of Miss Ellen Murfree going to your place to teach a school - We had thought - in case she does - that it might be best for you to take the girls home and send them to her to school - as she can give them good instruction - and it would save the great expense to you of their being here - Neither of the girls are learning as fast as they should - with the advantages they have - and perhaps if they were taken home for a while it might be a stimulant - to them to be more studious -

The balance due to the 20th of March, including the 5.00 for clothing &c will be one Hundred and thirty three dollars [illegible] ($133.97) for both now due.
Mr Ellis Murfree will write you regarding the girls. All the young people from your place are well. With kind regards

Most truly yours,
Geo. L. White
Treas.

P.S. You will see from the statement on the back of the bill that there is due on Ellis' a/c — $36.00
and on Freeman's — $97.97

I furnished the girls, as you requested, such articles of clothing &c as they were really in need of — when I had the means to do it.
I kept a separate acct of this which I give to you in a bill of items — with $ paid in by Ellis credited thereon — I did not hand this to Mr Murfree — as I did not have it copied when he was here. Please send draft for the amounts due — as soon as convenient
& oblige
Geo. L. White

Allen Digney, Esq. Decr. 16th. (Thursday) 1.
Glencoe, Miss.—

Dear Sir: I send you enclosed bills for Boarding of George and Betty—to the close of the year—with amount paid by Mr. Whiteside—credited to Betty's acct.

Balance due on Betty's acc. for the year is	50.90
Balance due on George's acc. the year	130.05
Total amount due on both—is	$180.95

About one hundred dollars of the amount is due me—If you can pay me this amount now it will oblige me very much— I have been looking for you to come up—and I expected that you would send me some money by Mr. Murphy—but was disappointed—

Betty and George are both doing very well—Betty has a new reader and is learning to write—Her teacher says she can write "Mother" on her slate now.

The rest are all well—I hope you will attend to this matter at once—

With kind regards—
Most truly Yours,
Geo. L. White—
Treasurer—

Feby. 1866 1.

[illegible] Ellen Ferguson –

To Amount of account for Board & tuition – last year	37 00
Cr	
By cash – at sundry times	17 00
Balance due	$20 00

Mrs. Ferguson –

Dear Madam

Permit me to call your attention to the above balance due on Ellen's account of last year. You wrote me that if I would admit Ellen to School you would pay me six dollars every month until the whole bill was paid. You have paid me seventeen dollars. it is now many months since I have heard one word from you in regard to the balance.

Is this the treatment I am to expect? It is what your and our enemies tell us we shall receive. They say – "Colored people are great to make bargains – but never keep them."

I made a bargain with you. I kept my part – you have not kept yours – and you make no explanation. What will you do? Please let me hear from you soon. Most truly yours

February - 17th ——— 1

Mr. David Jones.
Glencoe. Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir,

I send you Humphrey's bill - for time from June 12th. 1870. to June 14th 1871 - It amounts in the aggregate of One Hundred and Sixty Six - dollars - and forty five cents - ($166.45)

I have credited you with Fifty dollars - which leave a balance now due of One Hundred and Sixteen dollars - and forty five cents - (116.45)

Humphrey is one of the most exemplary young men we have in school - He is learning fast and will make a good scholar -

You should endeavor to keep him in school until he completes his college course - and graduates - He will bear educating -

Please send me the amount due at your earliest convenience -

With kind regards

Most truly yours — Geo. L. White
Treas.

February 20th —— 5

To the
Trustees of "Masonic Hall."
Nashville. Tenn.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to make to you the following statements and request.

You are probably more or less acquainted with the origin and objects of this Institution, and with its reputation in the community and State.

With the other things which we teach in the University we cultivate Music — as best we may — as a great civilizing and Christianizing influence.

As I have had opportunity during the past few months I have prepared the "Cantata of Esther," with the intention of giving two Concerts — one half the proceeds to be given to aid the colored people in paying for their Fair Ground — the other half to be used in keeping up the musical Department of this Institution, which at present we have no other means of doing —

As Masonic Hall is the only room in the City — in which it is at all practicable to give a concert of this kind — I made application to Mr. Lefferlee your agent for its use the 2d & 3d nights in March next.

he informed me that he was not authorized to rent the Hall to colored folks without your special consent but that the Hall *was not* engaged for the nights named, and with your consent I could have it at that time. I called the following day when he informed me that the Trustees were favorable to it but that the Hall was engaged *every night until the 2d week in April* but that I could have it at that time. He desired however that I should wait before making the final agreement until Saturday last which I did. He at that time informed me, in substance, that while the Trustees were personally willing that we should have the Hall for our Concert the public sentiment was such in Nashville that they (you) feared a loss of the patronage of the citizens if we were allowed to sing in it.

In regard to our relations to the City I would say that we are permanent citizens here. The Institution owns many thousands of dollars worth of city property and we expend many thousands of dollars each year as the running expenses of the University in the business of the City. Saying nothing of what we add to swell the aggregate of Christian

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and Educational influences -

In regard to our Entertainments - I would say that the Character of the Cantata which we propose to sing is well known - It is wholly religious - in being - a representation of Bible scenes. whether it will be well done or not is not for me to say.

Judging from the past our audience would be about one half white residents of the city who from sympathy in the moral and intellectual development of the whole people, come in to note progress. or from mere curiosity - to see what the "niggers" can do, the other half perhaps and the larger proportion would be the well-to-do - better class of the colored people.

As has been intimated it is wholly benevolent in its object - no individual to reap a penny's benefit from the proceeds. Our entertainments heretofore at Masonic Hall were highly commended by the press - and the citizens. and I have not known that any person of any influence or character ever made a single objection or that the managers ever lost a cent by want of patronage - caused by our having used the Hall.

We have not only held Concerts in Masonic Hall here four nights - but we have had the use of Greenlaw Opera House in Memphis - and other branches of this Missionary work have given similar entertainments in public halls in nearly every city in the South. This is the first instance in the history of our work ~~where~~ in which we have been refused the use of a Hall for such reasons.

In view of what I have stated I most respectfully request the use of Masonic Hall - for the purpose named for two nights - the 2^d and 3^d of March next - or some other convenient time, at as early a date as practicable after this week.

I would also request the use of it on the same terms, on which you rent it for other local benevolent objects. If this last request stands in the way of our having the hall, I will pay you the full price which you charge the ordinary travelling Shows.

If necessary I could give you endorsements to this request from almost any number of Citizens of Nashville. Clergymen College men. Railroad-men - Bankers, Judges, Lawyers or Doctors - I have the honor to be gentlemen,

With great respect

Geo. L. White

Treas. of Fisk University.

February 20th 1

Banks Burke, Esq.
Fayetteville, Tenn.
Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst. was duly received. The butter came to hand all right – 33 lbs – at how much per pound? I gave directions for the return of the bucket but find that it was neglected – was overlooked in the multitude of business &c. I will send it tomorrow without fail.

I would like another lot as soon as you can send it. We use about 60 lbs per week. How much do you desire to furnish us?

Most truly yours,
Geo. L. White
Treasurer

Monday Feby. 20th 1.

John McDaniel Esqr
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Mi.

Dear Sir,

I send you enclosed bill for John's board and tuition for the present year - It amounts to $180.85 - from which is deducted a balance in your favor from the Summer term of $64.85 leaving now due one hundred and sixteen dollars - ($116.00) and

Please send me the amount at your earliest convenience.

John has been a great trouble to us - but he seems to be smart enough - and apt to learn when he tries - He is doing much better now than heretofore - He has grown very much since he came up here - He will make a good scholar and do well - if he can be kept at it - I am - with kind regards

Most truly Yours

Geo. L. White
Treasurer

Feby 20th.

Mrs. Mary Fletchall -
Memphis - Tenn.

Dear Madam;

Your letter regarding Louisa was duly rec'd. I also rec'd a letter from Mr. Smith enclosing - 28$ - 12$ for Mrs Carnes & 16$ on your account. It will be impossible for me to give Louisa music lessons this year as our accommodations in that department are entirely full - I have placed the amount you sent. Sixteen dollars - to your credit.

Louisa is well and I think is doing well in her studies at present.

All the Students from your place are well -

I am, very truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

Feby. 20th —— 1

J. B. Higbee Esq.
Shiloh, O.

Dear Sir: Your favor of Feby. 4th was duly received. I delayed answering hoping to be able to send the amount of your bills. Money comes slowly this year, and there are certain "dry spells" when it does not come at all. I am in the enjoyment of one of these now. Hope however to be able to send you a payment soon.

If my credit is good I should like another lot of butter 100 lbs or more.

I think I can send you some money by the last of this week.

Most truly Yours

Geo. [illegible]

February 22d. 1

J. W. Welborn, Esq.
Clinton, Miss.

Dear Sir,

I enclose you bill for board &c Walter & Ida. Walter's bill sent before was made out for the Grammar School, but afterwards he passed examination and was admitted to the High School, making a difference of 12--9.50=2.50 in his tuition. There is also an additional bill of 8.23 for articles furnished from time to time—things that were essential to their comfort.

The total amount of the bill 249.73
less the amount paid in Dec. 70.00
leaves a balance of $179.73

I am needing money very much and if you will please remit a portion of the amt due it will accommodate me very much. Please remit at your earliest convenience by draft or money order if convenient.

Most truly yours

Geo. L. White

February 23rd 1.

General O. O. Howard, Commr
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir:

I forward Power of Atty. transferring the Y.M.C.A. Bond from Benj. Cary former Treasurer of Fisk University to yourself.

Permit me to say that Mr. Cary is Cashier of the Savings Bank - is alone in the Bank with all the work to do - his wife has been very sick for many weeks - laying upon him a great burden of Care & anxiety in addition to his regular Bank duties. This accounts for seeming neglect on his part. He called my attention ~~to the~~ your letter at the time. I paid for the Power of Attorney & supposed it was sent until Prof. Spence rec'd a Communication from you a day or two since.

With great respect
Most truly Yours - Geo. L. White
Treas. F.U.

Mch 16 —

J. B. Higbee —
Shiloh, O.

Dear Sir:

I send you draft for 68.31 the amount of two bills enclosed. Is it right? I regret the delay — but we are having a drought in finances. & it was impossible to send it sooner.

Have you shipped any more butter. I would like more if not too late to ship —

Resp truly yrs

Geo. Whipple

March 16th

Montgomery & Co.
Cleveland. O.
Gentlemen

I enclose draft endorsed to your order – for $33.[illegible] the amount of bills sent herewith. I regret that I have not been able to send it before.

We are meeting with quite a serious difficulty with the lamps. Both of our large parlor lamps – and quite a large proportion of the others have commenced to leak so that we have had to take them to a tinner & have them repaired. The Argand burner purchased from Mr. Oaks – had to be soldered all around the fount – greatly disfiguring it – of the others – the leaking occurs in various parts of the lamps. I am not able to determine the cause. In some instances it might have resulted from careless handling – dropping and the like – while with others this could not be possible.

I have not seen Ashley in some time, to

have little knowledge of what he is doing.

We have had to repair upwards of twenty of our houses - to stop leaks -

Most truly yours -

Geo. L. White

Treas.

March 18th

Mr Edward Johnson
Memphis Tenn

Dear Sir

Do you intend to pay me anything on acct of Lizzie's expenses. Half the amount is still due for last year. Her expenses for this year including music amount to about $100.00 - of which you have as yet paid but [illegible]

Lizzie is a young lady that any father might be proud of. She is doing well in all her studies and is improving much every way. Yet we cannot keep her in school without you pay her expenses. Why did you not call and see me while I was in Memphis - and at least make some explanation? Please let me hear from you at an early day. This must be paid. Surely you are not so destitute of honor as to allow such a daughter as Lizzie to be disgraced by being expelled from the University for not paying her dues. Send money through the Bank -

Yours truly
[illegible]

Mr. Dennis [illegible]
102 De Soto St.
Memphis. Tenn

Dear Sir:
Your letter of 13th inst. was duly received - I enclose herewith at your request bill for Willie's Board - Tuition & Books - amounting to One hundred & twenty one dollars and forty cents. ($121.40)

I should have attended to this matter before but owing to one cause & another I have neglected it.

Willie has been a hard boy to deal with. and has given us a deal of trouble - he is very smart and learns fast - and has of late behaved with more propriety - Willie has talent - and will make a fine scholar - if he can be restrained. Please send the money through the Savings Bank. 42 Beale St. Hoping to hear from you soon

Most truly Yours -

March 20th !

Mr. [illegible] [illegible] Esq.
Glencoe Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir:

I have received from Memphis - for [illegible] W. Moore - check for $98.00 which amount is placed to your credit. Many thanks for the remittance.

Will you please say to the other gentlemen who have children here - that they must manage some way to pay all they owe now. I can't get along at this rate. Some of the children are actually suffering for want of shoes & clothing - which I cannot supply. If such people thus send children to school they must manage to support them while in school. All are well.

Most truly yours

Geo L White
Treas.

March 22d 1.

Marie [illegible]
Memphis. Tenn.
Dear Madam

Referring you to my letter of Dec. 27 containing bill for [illegible] expenses to June 1st permit me to modify it in accordance with our correspondence since.

Total amount of bill rendered 99.75
Less bill for Marie's [illegible] on [illegible] 20.50
Less Tuition paid by [illegible] 29.00
70.75
By Cash [illegible] 50.50
Total amt due [illegible] $ 20.25

I only charge you for one month's [illegible] as Marie got no benefit from her lessons. The amount 20.25 can be paid at your convenience. Generally speaking Marie has [illegible] by satisfied with [illegible] behaved [illegible] She has [illegible] in Music & some other things [illegible] but in general her conduct and attention to duty have much improved since the first term. The teachers think that she will become a profitable one to her. I hope that you may be able to note improvement [illegible] at all — and feel that your money has not been wasted. I hope to visit Memphis in June and give another Concert. With kind regards

Very truly Yours
[illegible]

March 22d. 1

W. L. Danley Esq.
Genl Pass & Ticket Agt
N C & St L Ry

Sir:

Circumstances occurring since the date of my agreement regarding cost of car to Chattanooga render it impracticable to take the trip at present.

Thanking you for your generous offer
I am Very respectfully,

Geo. L. White
Treasr

March 24th

Rev. Wm. Barnes
Jefferson City, Mo.
Dear [illegible]

Your letter of 13th inst. came duly to hand, and the amount of your remittance
$10.00 endorsed on the note. Many thanks for the money.

We are flourishing. the school was never in better condition.

We have now about 80 pupils in our family. all doing well.

I think there is a possibility of your getting the money due you. If I had the proper papers I could make the effort. If you will Send me your order with a power of attorney authorizing me to collect the money, I will try for you. May the Lord be with you and bless you in your work.

Most truly yours

[illegible]

[illegible] March 27th [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible] I cannot [illegible]

[illegible]

March [illegible]

Allen Gregory Esq
[illegible] Bolivar Co Miss.

Dear Sir

We have just reached the third term of our school year. I cannot aid you again [illegible]. I am [illegible] [illegible] money which to commence [illegible] I cannot go on without money. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cannot or do not pay up. [illegible] [illegible] all the money is [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Your daughter is without [illegible] - but I can buy these now with it [illegible] money.

You will please remit $ [illegible] by [illegible] mail as the children cannot [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] without satisfactory [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I will be obliged to you if you will make known the contents of this letter to [illegible] [illegible] Mr. McDaniels -

Most truly yours - [illegible]

March 27th [illegible]

Samuel [illegible] Esq
Cor. Sec. [illegible]
Dear Bro.

Your daughter [illegible] Emma [illegible]
is attending school at [illegible] - She is
utterly unable - with what [illegible] to remain
in school without help - I write to ask if you
cannot give her some help. She is doing
well. I [illegible] you will [illegible] and [illegible] to
keep her in school. She is a very worthy girl.
say that it will [illegible] help. [illegible] you may
[illegible] that [illegible] you give her will
[illegible] The poor girl has
gone without needful clothing that she might
pursue her studies and then, with a [illegible]
[illegible]. May she not [illegible] to be [illegible] for
[illegible] [illegible] Yours truly

[illegible]

[illegible]

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March 28th 1.

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Brother: Your letter of 20th instant is just received - I regret very much the trouble which has arisen of which you speak. but I had hoped to keep out of it so far as saying any thing defending myself or Miss Shelton!

I have had otherwise no part in these bickerings and faultfindings except when assailed in person & in self defense -

I wrote in my letter to Savannah about all I wished to say. and from the many letters which have gone from here, on the subject you must be pretty well acquainted with it. and have in full both sides.

You will remember our conversation at home about Miss Shelton's being sent here this year, and that she was sent rather against my judgement and her wishes. I said to you (during your visit in the winter) - that I had been most agreeably disappointed in her work this year. My present opinion is that she is energetic and capable, and is and is conscientiously faithful in the discharge of her duties. She probably fails in some things (we all have weak points) & others might fail in others.

The best of reasons exist for your having heard the complaints of which you speak. For three and a half months there has been a systematic effort on the part of some persons to hunt up and circulate such reports in the Home and to those passing, and to create and perpetuate dissatisfaction. Somewhat of these reports and stories are true.

We have had, accidentally at two meals during the entire year, meat cooked which was not exactly sweet; but it must be remembered that we use from 10,000 to 15,000 pounds of fresh beef in the year. This winter, with the exception of the little squall just when you were here has been very warm. On the occasions referred to, a portion of 40 pounds of roast was older than Mr. Duckett supposed, & was a little spoiled — the other was, I understand, corned beef for a boiled dinner. A portion of it was tainted. It was not detected in the preparation of the meat, and unfortunately in both instances the spoiled portions went to those disposed to make disturbance. Nothing was said of it at the time to myself or Mrs. Stratton when it could have been instantly corrected, but a week or so afterward it was reported to me, and to others the tainted meat

was on the table half the time, which was true for
every four meals. With these exceptions we
have not had ten pounds of meat upon our
hands, though I have purchased some by
the quarter. Our meat is as good as that
delivered to the Maxwell, Battle or City Hotels,
is the same kind of meat and bought from the
same man. We have had much trouble
about our bread. You are aware that there
was a great amount of difficulty about last year.
Some of our best barrels of flour made but
indifferent bread. I do not pretend that
our colored cooks are the best of bread
makers as they are, so it was thought best
I commenced buying bakers' bread in part
(we get 24 loaves a day) and I have now
succeeded in getting a brand of flour from
Springfield, Ten. which is good - at $6.50 per Bbl.
We also have trouble with dried fruit as most of
the dried fruits this year is faulty.
Owing to the instructions of the Department

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of Higbee & Hale, the arrangement I had with them for butter was broken up, and I have had much trouble in that respect since. The Syrup is complained of - Syrup of a better grade than the brand you sent last year - was "stuff not fit to eat." Fine fresh fish (baked) with Miss Stratton's own hands was horrid stuff. - nice hot biscuit made by her - out of the best of material were "not fit for these teachers to eat," &c &c - I mention these things - not to shield myself or Miss Stratton - or that I claim there has not been poor cooking - but to affirm that there are two sides to the story.

There is a determined effort to remove Miss Stratton - and Laura thinks that I should be in the same boat were it not that I married the Sister of Field Secy. I should hope that would make no difference here. I consider that I am responsible in part for these things. Much of this may be aimed at me, and deservedly so. -

If it can be done - and justice done her for her faithful work - I should think for her sake that [illegible] she had better be relieved and another Matron sent, for she will get no peace until it is done. She is in a very perplexing situation as the matter now is. She can neither go nor stay in justice. She knows that she is not wanted, and yet nothing is brought against her but slander [illegible] trouble brewing.

Our teaching, or houses and boarding ourselves in comfort. Yet we spend our entire salary to do it & seem to cause jealousy.

I claim only this that we have done the very best we could do under the circumstances. We have given the [illegible] family and all the teachers just what they have asked for — just what they asked for it — and cheerfully. I have increased our expenses 20 % on account of this trouble. For example: there was so much complaint about not getting anything to eat, that since 23rd of July I kept account of articles [illegible] & [illegible] bread — extra meals, steaks &c sent up. [illegible] Mr [illegible]'s family. Since the date mentioned they have had 16 pounds of sugar 12 lbs butter — also the lard — 1/2 lb good tea, about 3 doz eggs — [illegible] — [illegible] — Flour. Soda — some milk & [illegible]. They have the board of a servant girl — and their washing amounts to 80 & 90 pieces per week — nearly as much as the rest of the teachers first together -

My report for Feby & March will be forwarded tomorrow - I had been making up my Feby report - with that Concert on my hands - and in a two weeks sham fight with Masonic Trustees (see article in Tennessee Daily [illegible] Feb. 8) about the hall - our little Caddie was taken sick - and we had him in our hands night and day till the fever left him and he was out of danger, for it did not go off -

Bro. Smith has gone to Chattanooga & Atlanta for a breathing spell this week -

Laura is in good health better than for years before - takes the winter through - results of good living - and a carriage to ride in.

Love to Ruth & the boys & with yourself & all

Hoping for a day when we shall realize peace on earth & good will to men -

Most truly yours

Jno. [illegible]

April 6th [illegible]

Thos. M. [illegible] Esq.
Care of the [illegible]
[illegible] Mobile Ala

Dear Sir,

That portion of your letter to our friend Abram Smith Esq. — relating to terms & references at this Institution has been referred to me for reply.

We charged $2.50 per week for board — including furnished room — washing, lights &c — Tuition is [illegible] for the [illegible] of those [illegible] week — in the High School [illegible] — to lower grades [illegible]. The total expense of a young lady or gentleman — for the school year — would be in [illegible] or [illegible] — as they [illegible] in the higher or [illegible] schools.

We have [illegible] young people from almost all sections of the [illegible] — [illegible] a [illegible] family. A friend of [illegible] [illegible] hear [illegible] again — [illegible]

[illegible] White

April 6th

Rev. Gilbert Haven
Ed. Zion's Herald
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir: Our good Brother Boardman of Cent. Tenn. College informed us that he had seen an article from your pen in Zion's Herald, regarding our late Concert based upon a letter from Nashville in the N.Y. Tribune &c. Will you oblige me by sending a copy of the paper containing the article?

I forward you a copy of Union & American containing an account of our Concert which did come off and in "Masonic Hall", [illegible] seating over the world the black and [illegible] — as advertised in Nashville [illegible] & [illegible] —

We are gratified for your action & good words —

With great respect
Most truly yours, [illegible] White
Treasurer

April 6th — 6

N. D. Smith Esq
Cashier. Memphis, Tenn
Dear Sir,

Your letter of April 4th just rec'd. with enclosure of $27.00 - which is credited as directed.

Yours of Feby 2d containing Draft for $100 for a/c of Jno Tillman - was duly rec'd and amount credited to John Tillman

Most truly Yours
Geo. [illegible]
Tr.

April 7th —— 2

Dear Brother Smith

From the summary of my statement forwarded to you the day I was taken sick - you will see our financial condition - I send you a statement showing the amounts paid out and what for - during the month.

I also append a statement of food used during two weeks - as nearly perfect as I was able to get it - Some articles are omitted I see - but enough is there I trust to show that the lack of table there is - is not because I do not furnish -

I buy as a rule, the best I can get -

I have tried to place that department enough -

I do not deny that there has been poor cooking - We have always had to endure more or less of that.

At the commencement of the trouble - or nearly so - I asked in company with others that a meeting be called to consult on what had better be done - A committee was appointed upon my motion - to investigate Miss Statton's work & report - The committee consisted of Mr. Spence - as Chairman - Miss Benedict Sec. - Miss [illegible] - Miss

Stratton & Lewis - As near as I can recollect the report contained three recommendations - first that a competent woman be asked for to superintend the preparation of the food - &c of which I wrote you - 2d - that certain articles of kitchen furniture be purchased - & 3d that the Bread should be partly purchased from the Bakers - The two latter I carried into effect at once -

The report cleared Miss Stratton from all blame in stating that she was doing all she could under the circumstances - which I understand to be true - I made a motion at the next meeting that the Committee be continued as a standing one with general direction to investigate and report any needed changes - The Committee is in existence yet - I have tried every way in my power in our faculty meetings to get some tangible action that would at least look to remedying the trouble - Without effect.

Miss Stratton has to serve 20 students at dining room with [illegible] three times a day - & she serves tea & coffee three times a day - while the rest eat - of course she can't eat with them - She oversees the laundry work - which under present difficulties amounts to about two full days work per week - She has general oversight of all the bedding & for all the rooms - is responsible for the store room - for preparation of food for sick. &c. - altogether she has done about two teachers' school work - to any of the teachers one - Whatever the intention may have been this tirade against the dining room - has in effect been a personal attack on her. If, in the place of telling to strangers all our troubles and grievances by the hour and discussing it in little select parties in select places by the hour - we could have done united action that would get to the bottom of the trouble & correct it - I would rejoice - I have knowledge that at least four different Schools in the South - our troubles - and a good sprinkling of Miss Stratton's private affairs - have formed a permanent subject of talk - If that isn't making a matter personally and amount to just about slander I don't know - I was opposed to Miss Stratton's Coming here this year but I do think she has worked like a hero through things that ordinarily discouraged people – and while I admit that there has been poor cooking, and some cause for grumbling on that account, tho' no more than there always has been – I think it is unjust & ungenerous to say & do as has been done against her.

She cannot give personal attention to the cooking – any more than she can attend personally to the starching & ironing of one hundred or more fine shirts – & ladies ruffles in the laundry – It is a long walk any where from Miss Stratton's room. and it takes time & strength to go & come – If an efficient woman had charge of the girls dormitory – a division of labor could be had – or if Miss Stratton had an efficient white woman to take charge of the food – as was recommended – something might be gained –

I am utterly powerless to do anything except buy more & better – the Spencers are hard to suit – they call for this change & that change in food – as in other things – in my despair I have bought & bought & bought – syrup at 1.25 per gal. by the Barrel. Sugar cured ham – butter at any price – – I know I am furnishing too much – more than we can stand – but what else

Could I do! I am utterly discouraged in regard to our future. If the past five months are a criterion. I have by the circumstances of the case been entangled up with the general interests of the school. This year, that I have perhaps felt the great burden of all care. The questions of location and endowment have been talked over a great deal. Col. Brown, in answer to a letter of inquiry, has withdrawn our application for the Fort [illegible] land and informs me that the failure of the [illegible] are [illegible] a want of [illegible]. The delay was occasioned in the [illegible] when my first letter with endorsements was [illegible] some purpose. We hear there is an [illegible] to ask a resolution donating [illegible] with you through next winter without [illegible] Prof. is appointed [illegible] here. [illegible] will be his assistant.

School opened 2d time this week with [illegible] 84 boarders. We have had [illegible] during the year.

What are your plans for the next year? [illegible] as I am interested [illegible]

Much is being said about starting a company of singers – start with an agent – especially by Judge Lawrence – Judge [illegible] – Nelson Walker & and some of the prominent colored people.

I have nothing to say – only there can be a first class Company prepared with proper effort and I am willing to do what seems to be best for the School & Association.

I could make it pay as a private speculation. If it is done after Commencement this year I must know soon. I do not [illegible]

We have been afflicted with the [illegible] – greatly – I have been very sick for a week or so. am just [illegible].

Fraternally
Very truly
Geo L White

Rev. E. M. Cravath. April 18 — 1

Dear Brother, Yours of April 8th returning my letter for correction is just received. I see the point and have made the corrections. I have sent no supplementary statements. The reason I have included repairs [illegible] is to give a showing of our actual condition. It is not satisfactory to see [illegible] salaries, repairs & expenditures, as I have been obliged to do this year, and not show the condition of the school. [illegible] will show as you wish. I paid [illegible] — as I explained to you — in settlement with George W. Brown. I have also settled with [illegible] & Sparks for repairs. [illegible] on the buildings [illegible]. Their last bill was about $9.00 for repairs on fence & roof, occasioned by a fearful gale which took [illegible] the doors open and smashed glass out of windows and blew off shutters on the front and blew the [illegible] of fence behind the girls' dormitory, and the large gates and fence below the kitchen entirely out of the ground. I had braced it from the outside as well as I could, but the posts were rotten — some of them breaking in the middle causing the whole to give way. I had to get four new gates - new posts and rails &c. - I owed them on settlement $476.28 - gave note for 30 days - for 250 - 4 mos - 200 - cash 26.28 - I have paid the 250 this one.

I have made some repairs and changes contrary to the letter of your instructions - because Prof. Spence said he must have them in order to commence order - and that you said that there was some money that could be used thus - if absolutely necessary. The amount of glass broken - & furniture demolished has been very large. I am now using the third box of glass this year - in replacing those broken by the students -

Quite a large [illegible] of roof is badly rotted - and requires constant patching. Spring is upon us with its foliage & flowers - and our grounds begin to look very pretty - roses will be in bloom in a few days -

Laura is getting ready to go home - Little Caddie is not very well - he seems very sensitive to heat - & we are anxious to get away - I would like to go up when Llewellyn is - this summering. Father wrote me he was going up soon -

Laura expects to go about May 1st

Love to all Most truly yours

Geo. L. White

April 10th —

Allen Fuqua Esq.
Dear Sir,

Your letter of April 2d is just rec'd. I cannot understand why you should have sent Betty and continued George here, when you had no reasonable prospect of meeting the expense. It is causing me very great annoyance. I shall have to raise the money at a very heavy rate of interest to meet obligations which I had been putting off & putting off until you could fulfill your promise.

It seems hard that you should treat us in this manner and your letter is very unsatisfactory. Is it not as much your duty to settle with me as with your merchant?

Please forward the money at once for their transportation home. Mr. Moore's letter did not reach me in time for me to forward the type to Memphis to meet him.

Fraternally yours —

Chas. W. Moore, Esq.,
Mound Place, Miss.
April 8th, 1

Dear Sir:

Your letter of [illegible] was received too late to send the boys to meet you in Memphis.

It seems very strange to me that these men should continue to promise up to this late date to meet these obligations very soon - when they had no prospect of being able to do it.

I have kept John McDaniels in school against the judgment of the Faculty - because Mr. [illegible] brought the children here - and Mr. McDaniels seemed so anxious to have him remain that he might have an opportunity to learn - Of course if it can't be paid - it can't be. but I shall know what sort of people I deal with in the future. I think that when any go - that all had better go together. The fare to Memphis is 11.45 I think. Perhaps one or two would go at a time. It will take about $70 to transport the six in the above as soon as I am furnished with the money I will send the children all you may direct

With great respect

Very truly yours

Geo. [illegible]

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John McDaniel.
Mound Place, Miss.
Dear Sir:

Your letter was duly received — also one from Mr. Moore — too late however for me to have sent the boys to Memphis in time to have met Mr. Moore.

I don't understand why you should have left your son in School — if you had any doubt about your ability to pay his expenses.

It will be hard for the boy to leave in this way. A regulation of the Institution requires us to mark and publish as expelled — in our next Catalogue — also at Commencement exercises — all Students leaving the University during the year without a satisfactory settlement of all bills. That of course will deprive the boy of the benefits of this — and all similar chartered institutions. besides the disgrace attaching to an expulsion from College — Think this matter over and do what

we can and what seems best. Of course I can't compel payment and shall therefore wait until it suits your convenience —
When you forward money for the purpose I will send the boys home —
The sooner they go the less there will be to pay.

Very truly yours

Geo. [illegible]

April 8th

Charles W. Hame.
481 Broadway - N.Y.

Dear Sir We have just received the April No. of the Bulletin. (we failed to receive the others) Many thanks. It is a valuable paper. truly - and to us doubly so - for we must depend wholly on our Northern sources for light - or grope our way in darkness. I send you a slip cut from the Tennessee Tribune of March 13th containing a notice of a concert given by pupils of this institution - all colored - organist & all except your humble servant and which your correspondent "Choral" ignores entirely - although we could boast of what he calls a big thing (a chorus of more than 100 singers) This notice was written by a Southern man - ~~one~~ a prominent musician of the city - who believes in giving "honor to whom honor is due" regardless of Caste. The "Choral Society" struggles upward with the wealth and influence of the city behind them as a power to aid them - my class

Struggle against will all the power and crush us out of existence if possible.
I wish a few copies (words) of "Sparkling Streams" temperance songs. We need something to use as a tonic for these jugglers of Robeson County. I enclose 1.25.

What rate of discount will you allow us on music or books sent by mail.

Most truly yours

April 13th.

J. W. Welborn, Esqr
Clinton, Miss.
Dear Sir:

I am obliged to again call your attention to bill rendered for expense of board & tuition of Lula & Walter for the year. They have not entered upon the third and shortest term of the year. I am very much embarrassed for want of money which is now due. Please remit at your earliest convenience and greatly oblige.

Most truly yours,
Geo. [illegible]
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Mr. Dennis Waters.

Dear Sir,

I forwarded a/c for Willie Waters Board & tuition as you requested. I have heard nothing further from you. Unless the a/c can be paid he will be suspended from School. I am directed to collect these bills — now long over due — & dismiss from School those who cannot or do not pay. Please attend to this matter at once and save trouble.

Most truly yours

Geo. Barkley

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April 12th

Jackson Barker Esq.
Memphis. Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I rec'd the amount last sent $19.00 of which I paid Ellen $4.00 - & Cr. your a/c $15.00 I send you enclosed a statement of your a/c - except a final settlement for music which I cannot make until near the close of the term. The amount now due is Thirty Six dollars & Seventy one Cents -

I hope that you will be able to send me the amount soon - These bills are all due in advance - and I am very much embarrassed for want of the money.

Unless money comes in more promptly - I shall be obliged the coming year to adhere strictly to the rules - demanding payment before students can enter school -

Most truly Yours

April 18th 6

Mrs. Maria Lewis.
Memphis - Tenn.

Dear Madam,

I send you enclosed statement of a/c for Flora's board and tuition - The total amount is $121.90
of which you have paid - 69.75
Leaving now due $52.15 - to the close of this term -

12.21
140.11

In addition to this I have charged Flora for damages on our sitting room organ - which she broke - $5.00 - the cost of putting it in order. It was done carelessly - and contrary to positive orders - and we expect her to make it good - That will make a total of 52.15 + 5.00 = $57.15 fifty seven dollars & fifteen cents -

I will be obliged to you if you will send me the amount due - very soon - as I am much embarrassed for want of money.

Flora is quite well - Most truly yours -

April 12th 1

Mrs. Fannie Temple
Memphis. Tenn

Dear Madam

Your letter of April 3rd was duly received. I also received the 8.00 sent by draft from the Bank. I had no idea of your forgetting what you promised. I know that times are hard - even worse than last year, and have thought that perhaps you might be able to do as you wish. I hope that you will do all you can for me - for it is very hard work to get along at all. I have thought that I should have to stop Emma's Music - but I have kept her along so far, and hope you will be able to pay me enough to enable me to let her go through the year.

Emma is well and doing well. I wrote to her father as I promised you - but have recd no reply.

Most Truly Yours
Geo. L. White -
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Messrs. [illegible] Blythe. [illegible] April - 13th — [illegible]
R. Baker - [illegible] Parker - [illegible]
Committee of arrangements - [illegible]
Gallatin - Tenn.

Gentlemen. We have rec'd notice of your Spring Fair - and hope to be able to attend from the University - and that a large delegation may go up from the City. Wishing you success - in your Fair - and desiring to [illegible] with you in this, and all similarly good work - I write to make to you the following proposition. If your Society will pay the expenses of the party and entertain the young people while there - we will take to your Fair - a company of singers - and an organ from the University - and will sing for you at the Fair - on Friday & Saturday - and will give you a Free Concert - on Friday night - in any suitable place which you may provide.

If this proposition is agreeable to you - please let me know at an early day that we may be able to make the necessary changes in our arrangements to meet it - With great respect. Yours truly [illegible]
[illegible]

April 6th [illegible]

Dear Bro [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] has been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] through us at last. It
will be well as in that [illegible]. We shall [illegible]
a Country [illegible] as [illegible] – to be [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] thinks
we can [illegible] it [illegible] the [illegible]. If not he thinks we
can get it at [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
and in [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] it is [illegible]
until we shall be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] buildings [illegible]

Have you made any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] – for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in the country. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Oats here [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible]
we want to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
added – and we have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
three times this winter. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
write you regarding this. [illegible] [illegible]

Most truly yours [illegible]

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Montgomery & Co.
Cleveland, O.

Gentlemen:

Your letter by M. W. Montgomery of 9th instant - was duly received - In reply [illegible] one to day - Some of our trouble has been with the overflow of the Lamps - occasioned as you state - the new lamps do not leak. Of those that did leak a large proportion - were the Hand lamps - the leaks were in various parts of the lamp but principally in some part of the soldering of the wick tube - Some of the Hand lamps - leaked just under the handle - The Argand - purchased from Mr. Ashley leaked under the bead or ridge around the middle of the foot - it was a "Brennough" make. My statement that the parlor lamp - presented to me - leaks - was a mistake of [illegible] who was using the lamp - in place of the argand - which did leak. I returned it to my [illegible] about the time I wrote saying - "this leaks the same as the others". - My statements were based on facts.

I find on examination that it does not leak -
I had to solder the Argand all around the out-side of
font before the leak could be stopped in it -

The first lot of lamps - the bases of which were made
fast by means of a bolt Soldered to the top - have
given us much trouble by the bolt breaking off -
the solder - not being sufficient to hold it - I have
two lamps now disabled from that cause -

The leaks are all stopped now - and I hope
we shall have no more trouble from that source.

With care we are not troubled much from the
overflow - as we have learned to manage these better

Many of our lamps were without the packing for
the feeder cap - many thanks for those sent.

All these difficulties must be overcome. for
the lamp is certainly worthy of perfect success -
We should not feel safe a day (at night rather) without them -

Most truly Yours
Geo Lawrence
Treas

I think about 30 of our lamps have
been out for repairs during the winter -

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April 9th [illegible]

Prof. C. C. [illegible]
Supt. of
[illegible]

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Prof. [illegible] of 18th inst. regarding [illegible] has been handed me for reply.

Last year I made an exchange with our friend [illegible] which put us in possession of 60 lbs. of the different Nos. From this stock we have supplied for this & in part for next year. [illegible] we cannot purchase at your [illegible] offer.

With kind regards to all—

Very truly yours

[illegible]
Dean

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Banks Baker Esqr
Fayetteville Tenn.
Dear Sir

Yours letter of 9th instant in regard to Mamie's expenses is rec'd.

I have no objections to doing what you propose only that when these things are put off so long the debt becomes large and in nine out of ten cases something unforeseen happens to prevent payment. I am required by the Trustees to collect all bills in advance and I have to assume a personal responsibility which is very troublesome when these payments fail.

It will suit me better if you can settle the account up to close of ~~the~~ 2d term Feb. 1st.

If you will send me a bill for the butter you have sent I will make out the account to that date — Very truly yours

Geo. L. White
Treasurer.

Aaron Maxwell, Esq. April 17th — 1

56 Shelby St. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir — Permit me to call your attention to my letter of Jany 17th, 187[illegible] also to enclosed bill for Florence's Board, Tuition, Books, and Music —

I hope you will not delay the payment of this bill any longer. You will see that there is now due on it (to close of year) one hundred and four dollars and ninety five cents ($104.95) —

I am needing money very much and I must insist on your sending payment at once —

I send enclosed some memoranda that Florence has handed me — She wishes that you send the box soon, as she is needing the things.

Do not delay sending on the money due as I must raise quite a large amount of money this week. Florence is doing well in her studies & conduct — we have offered [illegible] [illegible] to give [illegible] the best possible advantages — and we hope that you will pay us faithfully —

Most truly Yours

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J. D. Smith Esq
Cashier &c
Memphis Tenn
Dear Sir

Yours of 15th instant transmitting check for $25. is recd — and the amount credited to a/c of Rev A. J. Anderson as directed.

Very truly Yours
Geo. [illegible]
Treasurer

April 15 [illegible]

Rev. [illegible]
Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Bro.

I have just received a letter from [illegible] containing check [illegible] — which is forwarded to you [illegible]. [illegible] is quite sick — and is improving rapidly. You may expect me over after school closes in June — for a month of general good [illegible]. Due notice will be given of our coming — but it will be well enough to talk the matter up a little before. We expect to sing the Cantata of Esther — one night. You did not send it [illegible].

I am very grateful for the remittance [illegible] much [illegible].

Will you please speak to the friends of [illegible] about [illegible] up his [illegible]. They are [illegible] behind — but think [illegible]

Most truly yours — [illegible]

April - 19th 1

Mrs. Maria Lewis.
331 Grant Street - Extended -
Memphis - Tenn.

Dear Madame:

It is not necessary for you to beg my honor sir - All I wish to know is whether you sent the $16.00 - if by draft - the number and date of the same. Money has been received once or twice this year during my temporary illness or absence which was not accounted for to me properly - & the papers were mislaid. You are responsible for any carelessness of your daughter - and not she. As long as she remains in school she or you must pay for any school furniture or property broken or destroyed by her carelessly. We can punish her for disobedience - but that does not repair broken furniture. Please see Mr. Smith at the Bank & get him to forward the information regarding the draft & I will make the matter straig

on your No. If I need the draft Mr. Smith
will hold it with my endorsement on it.
Flora is well –

Most truly yours,

[illegible]

[illegible]

on your a/c. If I need the draft Mr. Smith now holds it with my endorsement on it.
Ellen is well -

Most truly yours,
Geo. L. White -
Treasurer.

April 19/66

A. D. Smith, Esq.
Cashr. &c
Memphis. Tenn
Dear Sir

Your letter of 17th instant enclosing Draft for $20.00 is recd and the amount credited to a/c of Miss Maggie Carnes –

Very respectfully Yours
Geo. Whipple
Treas

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April 21st

N. D. Smith, Esq.
Cashier &c., Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir,

Your letter of 18th inst is recd. Check of Jany 28th [illegible] and of March 20th [illegible] were recd and credited to a/c of Eliza Lewis daughter of Maria Lewis according to directions in your letter of transmittal.

The Check of March 6th [illegible] I have not recd. Mr. Cary has spoken to me about it once or twice, but it has not yet come to hand. I supposed he had written you in regard to it.

Most truly yours,

Treasurer

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April 21st

M. L. Smith Esq
Cashier [illegible] Memphis Tenn
Dear Sir

Your letter of 18th inst transmitting Check for — 38.00 is recd — 24.00 is placed to the cr of Tony Faulkes and 14.00 to Ellen Barker.

Ellen will not return home at present.

Most truly yours
Geo Whipple

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April 26th 5

S. H. [illegible]
[illegible], Miss.
Dear Sir

Your letter of recent date enclosing one hundred dollars ($100) in pay of [illegible] and [illegible] is recd. and the money placed to their credit.

I am pleased to inform you that both are well and progressing well in their studies.

Many thanks for the remittance.

Most truly yours,
Jno. [illegible]
Treasurer

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

April 16th [illegible]

Mrs. Ellen Davis
[illegible]

Dear Madam,

Your letter of recent date enclosing P.O. order for thirty five dollars was duly received and the amounts placed to your credit.

Charles is quite well and is progressing well in his studies.

Very truly yours,
[illegible]
Treasurer

[illegible]

A. D. Smith Esqr
Cashier &c
Memphis Tenn
Dear Sir

Your letter enclosing duplicate check for [illegible] dollars and thirty five cents. to be credited to [illegible] of [illegible] is just recd - and the check credited as directed.

Not a great while since - Mr. Cary - asked if I had recd - a check from you for [illegible]. I replied that I had not. He remarked that letters sometimes miscarried. I thought of writing a letter of inquiry at once - but thinking it might come to hand in a few days delayed and having my hands full the matter passed from mind. I understood at the time that Mr Cary was going home. I am sorry of any trouble [illegible] you [illegible] neglect.

Respectfully Yours [illegible]

April 26th

[illegible] Esq.,
Care of [illegible]
Mobile, Ala.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of April 19th came safely to hand. Also the papers. Many thanks for the papers.

The subscription price of the *Tennessee Tribune* is [illegible] for [illegible]. If you wish to take it, if you will send me that amount, I will take pleasure in calling at the Tribune office and have it forwarded to you, or you can send direct to the office.

We do not take students to board under [illegible] years of age. Hope to see you when you come to Nashville.

With kind regards,
Most truly yours,
[illegible]
Treasurer

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Field Secretary.
New York. N.Y.

April 26th. 1

Dear Bro

Your letters of 14th & 20th inst. are received. I have not yet rec'd an answer regarding the insurance on the building.

We have got money here to pay for gas fixtures & c. and have been using every effort to collect in all outstanding bills. I have sent home six of the High School and some four or five others who were getting behind. The low price of cotton has prevented many otherwise safe men from paying up this year. These men in these - did not realize more than 3½ or 4c per lb for their cotton & tho they had a very large crop. Allen [illegible] shipping 75 bales as his share of the crop. they had nothing left after settling with their merchants.

Two of our lady teachers are teaching with good prospect of pay every month from the County. we have rec'd her month's salary. I pull every string but the money comes slowly.

I shall use every means in my power to col-lect as rapidly as possible. I have no Interest upon which I pay interest - except one or two small sums deposited - for which I allow the same rate as the Freedmen's Savings Bank.

I shall forward report for April in a few days - when I can give a clearer statement.

We need 48 yards of table linen 1¼ yards wide.

The petition to open the alley through us was referred to the Street Committee - together with our counter petition - with power to act. The Committee will meet out here in a few days to examine the property & decide the matter. We hope to get a delay of a few years - but the Irish Paddy Catholic influence controls this ward - and the case looks rather dubious. In case they push the matter we shall apply to the Chancellor for an injunction ~~[illegible]~~ and if we fail to get it, we can keep the case in court for a length of time sufficient to enable us to look around - and make other provision.

There is no sweetness in official circles towards "Nigger Schools" at this present time. [illegible] says that Chancellor East is under [illegible] the mob - and little dependence can

Your views of the Concert business are as I expected. I do not covet the job. as it means sacrifice and hard work – and I have all on hand that is pleasant to do just now.

However I believe there are elements of great success in the scheme as talked up by our friends here who are pushing it. So far as I know, nothing of the kind was ever put before the public North. A talented company – with the parts well balanced – who are in a situation to give their time to such an enterprise – cannot be gathered every day. If the company that has naturally come together this year should slip away from us I should never expect to get their equal together again – without great labor and expense – & when the time comes to ~~do this~~ take a tour north – if it is to be done – we shall probably not have the timber to do our work with. A company of [illegible] persons has naturally come together – without special effort on our part. which has all the essential elements of a first class Concert troupe – If they engage in the work they [illegible] have disappeared [illegible] [illegible] enough for their attending school [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] must have. [illegible]. The [illegible] of [illegible] through the State is very uncertain. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of two or three large places - [illegible] think of such things and do not affiliate with them sufficiently [illegible] and ordinarily no suitable Hall can be had for a Concert.

2. The great difficulty of providing accommodations for a Company.

3. The [illegible] hostility of the white people to such work - would in all probability cause trouble in many places.

I think they had better [illegible] school closes. I am going to visit a [illegible] to Gallatin next week - and give a free Concert one night - they paying all the expenses of the trip. Mr. Bennett & Mr. [illegible] are going - & will make addresses at the Concert.

Mr. Bennett wants us to go to Athens and give two Concerts to aid their [illegible] in getting out of debt. I am willing to go if our expenses can be guaranteed and it does not break into our school here.

In going to Gallatin - we shall go on Friday P.M. and only lose half a day from School -

The questions that perplex me are, Is it best for the Institution to do such work? Shall I make an effort to keep the company together after school closes & some live in Chattanooga & Memphis - others here. What inducement shall I offer (if any) to keep the company together?

Miss Sheppard wants to go to Cincinnati — Miss Moore wants to go to Memphis — others are obliged to teach — So as soon as this term closes they will scatter. Several will not be in School again for a year at least — others probably not at all.

Of the twelve I gave you above — perhaps you remember the most of them — they are our Tom. & B. M. Holmes Tenors — Georgia Gordon — Jennie Jackson — Maggie Porter and Josephine Moore — Sopranos. Minnie Tate — Eliza Walker and Phebe Anderson — altos — Mr. Greene Evans & Isaac Dickerson — bass — and Miss Sheppard — as player —

I don't believe their equals in natural talent could be gathered in a years travel.

Two or three have wanted to leave School — to go to work, if you think it worth while I will try & keep all together until Commencement and give them what little skill and training I have time for. and you can then judge — Several gentlemen, among them Judge Cooper said to me that they would give money to aid in the preparation of the company for a tour North —

All are delighted at the prospect of having Dr Storrs visit us. A joint letter from the young peoples Society and the Faculty will be forwarded today inviting him to address the school at Commencement.

Judge Lawrence has the matter of the alley in hand - and no pains will be spared to defeat the effort to force it through.

Most truly yours

Jno Lovell

April 29th

Rev. [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
of Committee
[illegible] [illegible]

Gentlemen:

Your letter accepting my [illegible] to [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We shall have [illegible] [illegible] during many [illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for one [illegible] information [illegible] of the [illegible] which you [illegible] for the [illegible] at [illegible] and the [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] attendance at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] these questions [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the people [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] but and have [illegible]

Very Truly Yours.

Advertise it - that we'll be there and it will help the [illegible]

April 27th 1

Rev. Geo. J. Mosely.
160 Washington St.
Memphis. Tenn

Dear Sir

Your Son Columbus Mosely has been attending school here since October 5th. 1870 — the bill from that date to close of 1st Term was 36.00
from Jany. 1st to Mch. 24th. 37.00
" Mch 24th. to close of Academic year. 36.00
total from Oct. 8th 70. to June 17. 1871 — $109.00
He has paid me Oct. 10. Cash — 7.00
Decr 3. " 6.00
Jany 28. 10.00
" 16. 13.00 Rec. 36.00
Leaving a balance now due of — $73.00

Who is to pay this? When is it to be paid? He has promised to attend to the matter, but has failed to do so.

Please answer at once — and if possible remit the amount. The best way to send money is through the bank — U.S. [illegible]. Very truly yours. [illegible]

May 2d. 1

W. Todd. Esqr
Fayetteville Tenn
Dear Sir:

Your letter enclosing money order for $35.00 was duly received and the amount placed to the credit of your daughter Susie Todd's a/c for Board and tuition.

Susie is quite well and is doing well in her studies.

With many thanks for the remittance

Very truly yours
&c
Geo. L. White
Treas

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. ______
FISK UNIV.

Fisk University—
Nashville, Tenn. May 3, 1891

Aaron Manville Esq.
560 Shelby St. Memphis—

Dear Sir

Permit me to call your attention to bill sent April 17th— for Florence's Expenses— I am needing money— and must have money or you must take Florence from School— Please attend to this at once— If you cannot make payment please send money for Florence's transportation home. She will be suspended from School— after a reasonable time for reply to this letter

Very truly Yours &c

Fisk University.
Nashville Tenn. May 3. 1870

Benjamin Overton Esq.
Lake Providence La.

Dear Sir

I must again call your attention to bills for board of your sons in this Institution. The entire bill for the year amounts to about $238.00

Of this I have rec'd Sept. 27. 24.00
Nov. 19. 10.00. — April 8 30.00
total received — $64.00

The acct. (now) shows you in debt to this Institution — about $174.00

Promises will not pay this bill.

I have delayed acting in the matter — as one of the boys

in which you said that you had sent $50.00 — and would send $50.00 more the next week — you must send money to settle this acct. or the boys will be suspended from school. —

Please write to me at once and save trouble — and the disgrace attendant upon me being obliged to put the boys away from school.

Very truly yours
G. W. [illegible]
Treas

May 8.

Allen Fuqua Esq.
Glenwood - Roland Co. Ky.
Dear Sir:

Your letter was duly received. I was glad to hear of your safe arrival. You did not speak of David Jones. What is his condition? I hope that the young people will not give up studying - so as to lose all they have learned. You must keep them at work - in spare time teaching each other - and to keep up their interest. I hope that you will do all you can to raise money for me - as I am needing it very much. Tell Billy and George that my wife and boys have gone to Minnesota. Mr. Knight went with them. All are well - School is in good condition - Mr. Robinson is well - and is getting well started. My kindest regards to all.

With great respect
Most truly Yours -
Geo. [illegible]

May 4th – 1

A. D. Smith, Esq.
Cashier – Memphis
Dear Sir

Your letter of 2d inst. inclosing Draft #831 – favor of C. C. Mosely – 40.
and Mrs. Florence Maxwell 31.
Total $71

is rec'd – and will be credited to C. C. Mosely (Pastor) & Florence Maxwell (for 30.) –

Very truly yours,
Geo. Whipple
Treasurer

May 8th

A. D. Smith Esq
Cashier
Memphis Tenn
Dear Sir

Your letters of 3rd & 5th inst transmitting Drafts – for $75. & $52.40 – total $127.40 – were recd during my temporary absence – the amounts are credited as donations – to [illegible] of Willie Oates.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Treasurer

Nashville. Tenn May 15th 1871

Dear Bro Cravath

I send you statement for April -
I could not attend to it before.
12.75 for work will be [illegible] handled [illegible]
for food [illegible] [illegible] there are bills of
furnishing at the [illegible] of the house
better than we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for work
would not furnish an amount sufficient
to satisfy under the present [illegible].

I feel greatly burdened and the results of
my year's work, for I have completely
failed to do what I had planned to do.
Your letter cheered me a great deal - for before
that I feared that you felt just as I did.
However I have done the best I could and
hope to [illegible] out of the [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible]. [illegible] & the children reached home
safely. [illegible] & Cuddy are [illegible] [illegible]
colds. [illegible] is well. I have had the [illegible]
[illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Fisk University,
Nashville. Aug 21st 18[illegible]

Lewis [illegible] Esq.
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir

Things stand as I wrote April 12th except that I have since received $12.25 from Mr Smith by duplicate draft the original of which I did not receive.

The unpaid balance at that time was Fifty seven dollars and fifteen cents ($57.15)

This amount less amount of draft since received – 57.15 – 12.25 = $44.90 now due

The total expense for the year including damages to the organ is $126.90
Of this you have paid 82.00
leaving balance as above – $44.90 –

Most truly Yours
Geo L White
Treasurer

We expect to visit Memphis in June to give a Concert.

Fisk University
Nashville - Tenn - May 23rd 1871

N. D. Smith Esq.

Dear Sir

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Check No. 816 - for 54.00 the Amt. is Credited as follows

Florence Maxwell -	$ 15.00
Emma King	12.00
Louisa McGill -	12.00
Maggie Carnes -	15.00
Total	$ 54.

I wrote you an acknowledgement of this Check - when I rec'd it - but as I do not find it in my letter book - it may not have been sent -

Very Respectfully
Geo. L. White
Treas.

Fisk University
Nashville. May 31st [illegible]

Dear Bro Cravath.

I recd your letter of 28th instant [illegible] in the subject of [illegible]

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possible — [illegible] have a better [illegible] boarders this year than last — and [illegible] still better class next year.

With one hundred boarders — and about the same working force that we have at present — I can board all — make good the wear and tear of material — and supply fuel for the Dormitories and School rooms — with the charge for [illegible] —

Fisk University
Nashville. May 31st [illegible]

Dear Bro Cravath.

I recd your letter of 25th instant on Monday [illegible]
just in the midst of preparing every[illegible]
and a dinner for the Exercises at the Decora[illegible]
our Soldiers graves at the National Cemetery [illegible]
took place yesterday. I cannot this morning
give figures of the estimate of what our expenses
will be above our income. I do [illegible]
the salaries of some of the workers [illegible]

I have studied the matter a good [illegible]
with a view to keeping within our [illegible]
possible. We have a better paying [illegible]
boarders this year than last and I [illegible]
still better class next year.

With one hundred boarders and about the
same working force that we have at present
I can board all. make good the wear and tear
of material. and supply fuel for the Dormitor[illegible]
and School rooms. with the [illegible]

for board - the tuition - and the [illegible] Peabody fund to different [illegible] debts - *providing* there can be discipline and economy in the family, and that the management of culinary department and laundry can be left where it belongs without continual *raids* and interference - Perhaps I could supply the Church fuel and lights also from the income - I do not think I can do more - [illegible] cannot do as much under our present difficulties - Very much depends on the state of crops. the market prices - and the condition of the laborers in the cities -

I do not think I should undertake to repair as I have this year - or to pay salaries - other than the music teacher -

The question has so many contingencies that I can hardly make an estimate in figures - this year is not a fair example of what may be done because I have undertaken to do too much with the means at hand -

Most truly yours

Nashville. Tenn. Jan 5th 1871.

Dear Bro Cravath

I send statement inclosed which you requested in your letter of 31 ult.

The total 6011.67 includes nothing but the actual receipts here from students for the items named. There is from 1500. to 2000.$ still due for board tuition & music. The amount 2979.08 expended for general purposes school church and repairs includes all the repairs except such as Prof Spence and I paid for. About 1000.$ has been for such work as changes in partitions stairs walks bath tub changes in pipes, repairs of roof, &c

I have not sent an estimate of money needed to square me up as I cannot tell how I am going to come out. Enough is promised for about the close of the term to nearly square me up. Some will fail how much I can't tell. I'm doing all I can to bring up the ends.

Most Truly Yours Geo L White
Treas

Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn. June 6 1873

Mrs. Susan Jones
202 [illegible] St. Memphis T.

Dear Madame:

At Miss [illegible] request I write to forward you a copy of her a/c for board - tuition and music - for the present year. Her a/c is as follows. Dr.

~~Tuition~~ Board 40 weeks @ [illegible]	$[illegible]
Tuition - 1st 2d & 3d terms C. Sch.	9.50
Books furnished —	2.80
Instruction in Music - 48 lessons.	24.00
Total	$146.30

Cr.

Cash	Sept	10.	16.00
"	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"	Nov.	19	[illegible]
	Jany	10	4.00
	Feby	[illegible]	19.00
	"	[illegible]	3.00
	"	[illegible]	4.00
	Mch	29	5.00
	April	12	7.00
	"	26	4.00
	May	24	10.00
			89.00

Leaving a total am't due of 57.30

Please remit at your early convenience - also please send money for transportation home— We shall leave here on the 23d instant—on the night train—reaching Memphis on Saturday— We expect to give two grand Concerts while there—

Delia is quite well and is doing well in her studies— I think she is a much better girl than when she came to us.

We hope you will feel that your money has been wisely spent

With kind regards—
Most truly yours.

Geo. L. White
Treas

Fisk University —
Nashville, June 9th. 1871

A. D. Smith, Esq.
Cashier

Dear Sir,

I have received your depo. No 876 — 8th instant — for ~~twenty~~ five dollars — and have credited the amount to a/c of Flora Lewis — daughter of Maria Lewis — as directed

Respectfully Yours

Geo L. White
Treas

Fisk University.
Nashville. Nov 9th. 1871 —

Levi Coffin.
Wood & Elm Sts
Cincinnati O.

Dear Friend.

Many thanks for your explanation of Aaron Clements Case. His indebtedness amounts to about ninety dollars — and he will need money to return home besides. We have a supply of [illegible] Geographies. The only [illegible] of the series we use] sufficient for present use. We can make excellent use of the large [illegible] pictures. Those heretofore sent - have done us great good.

With respect.

Very truly yours Geo. L. White
Treasurer

Fisk University
Nashville. [illegible] 9 187[illegible]

Mr. Marcus Lewis,
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Brother.

I have just received a check for $[illegible] from A. D. Smith ~~by~~ Cashier. and have placed the amount to Cr. of Elvis Jr. The balance now due is $[illegible] {Bal. 44.98 Less [illegible] = 22.22} which amt. please remit, also money for Elvis' transportation home. We have been so [illegible] [illegible] I wish to settle all outstanding acct. before [illegible].

Respectfully Yours
Geo L. [illegible]

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Fisk University
Nashville. June 9th 1871 —

Toney Foulkes Esq
Memphis.
Dear Sir:

Your letter of 5th instant enclosing Draft for $24.00 - was duly rec'd and the amount credited on your account.
I enclose herewith copy of your account as it now stands on my books. Please look it over and if correct remit the amount now due $49.00 - as I wish to settle up these accounts at once —

Most truly Yours
Geo. L. White
Treas

Fisk University
Nashville - [illegible] 1870

Thomas H. [illegible] Esq.
Mount [illegible] Miss.
Dear Sir:

Your letter of 8th enclosing [illegible] draft for $[illegible] to apply on a/c of W. H. Murfree for board & tuition of [illegible] was duly rec'd and the amount credited as directed. Mr. Murfree's acct. is now paid in full.

I wrote an acknowledgement of this money at the time I received it - but as I do not find it copied I fear it was not sent.

Please present my thanks to Mr. Murfree for the payment of this a/c -

Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn June 15th 1871

Mrs Mary Mitchell
Memphis, Tenn

Dear Madam.

Your favor of June 8. is just rec'd. I enclose bill as the account stands on my book. I have no record of the amt paid Nov. 8 Was it sent by draft? I was absent about that time and my books were in the hands of a clerk and an error may have occurred. I credit you the amount which leaves a balance now due of fourteen dollars and five cents – ($14.05) In addition to this please remit seven dollars to Laura for her transportation home.

Most Truly Yours

Geo. L. White
Treas.

I expect to leave here on Friday P.M. the 23rd inst – & reach Memphis on Saturday 24th.

Fisk University.
Nashville. Tenn. June 1st 1898

Wm. J. Harris,
Grand Tower, Ill.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst. is received.

Robert and Hannah can remain through the summer vacation - at the same price - 12.00 per month (4 weeks) for board and tuition - paid in advance.

We cannot keep them one month unless they intend remaining during the vacation. If they leave the school now they cannot be readmitted until they are of full age (13 years) required for the boarding dept.

The entire expense of their remaining during the summer vacation will be including board and tuition $36 each total $72.00 -

Please write me at once what your desire is -

Very respectfully yours

Treas.

Nashville. June 14th 1871.

A. D. Smith, Esq.
Cashier

Dear Sir

Will it be convenient for you to call on the Agent of Greenlaw Opera House and see if we can have it for Tuesday and Wednesday nights - the 27th & 28th - inst. for two Entertainments or Concerts by our students. We intend to start from here on Friday - 23d inst - and reach Memphis on Saturday A. M. the 24th - visit the Churches and Sunday schools on Sabbath - and give two Concerts Tuesday and Wednesday nights as above. Please let me know whether or not the hall will be engaged for those nights and the terms. We go at the urgent request of friends in Memphis - and hope for success enough to pay expenses.

Most truly yours

Geo. L. White

Jan 15th

Rollin Harris
Chattanooga.

To Board & tuition of Alfred Harris, as per bill rendered Jany 6. 1871—			71.50
Cr			
By cash— by Check to Rev H. S. Bennett		30.00	
" exchange. 3rd term— Board— 33.00 tuition	2.50	35.50	65.50
			6.00
By Cash—			1.00
Balance due—			$5.00

Mr Rollin Harris—
Dear Sir,

Your letter to Prof. Spence has been handed me for reply. I should have attended to the matter at once— but was not informed when Alfred left school. The above bill is made out from the best information I have. I credit you with the dollar you speak of as having been sent to me. I have no recollection of it - and no record of it. I suppose I gave it to him when I received it. as I always do with small amounts of money sent for Students. but I have no means of knowing certainly. and credit you with the amount. as your son says he did not receive it.

Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas

Nashville, [illegible] 25th 18[illegible]

A. D. Smith Esq
Cash—

Dear Sir

Your letter of 19th inst. covering Check [illegible] for forty two dollars & Eighty Cents $42.80 is recd & the amt credited as directed viz

[illegible] Mansfield	24.00
[illegible] Esq —	18.80
	42.80

Very truly yours
[illegible]
Treasurer

June 15th 1

J. W. Melton

To Board (as per bill rendered)	220 00	
" Tuition do	21 50	
Sundries - papers Ida 35c Latin 1st Lessons Walter 1.00	1 35	
Stamps Ida 15c Cash Walter 3.00 – 4th Reader Ida 75 – S. Chinny 10c	4 00	
paper & Stamps W. 35c El. Grammar W. 45c – Exp. chge 1.75	2 55	
Paper. Stamps &c 35c	33	
Total		249 73
Cr.		
By Cash – Dec. 10. '70	70 00	
do Apr 13. '71	100 00	
		170 00
Balance due –		079 73

J. W. Melton Esq.

Dear Sir: Permit me to call your attention to the balance due for Board &c Walter & Ida – as above. Please forward the amount at your earliest convenience. as School closes next week – and I am obliged to settle all a/c's and make my reports to the Association as soon as possible –

We shall probably keep a school open during vacation – as last year. What are your wishes regarding Walter & Ida – They speak of desiring to remain during the Summer – I would be glad to see you to our commencement exercises which occur next week –

Most truly yours

Geo. L. White

Tr.

Fisk University
Nashville Tenn. June 17th 1870

Ralph Lord Esq.
Empire Stone Works Sing Sing N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Please forward the amount due for your son's board and tuition. The balance now due is seventy four dollars and twenty five cents ($74.25) Please attend to this matter at once as school closes next week. A regulation of the Institution requires us to mark with each student that fails to make proper settlement for bills before leaving "Expelled for non payment of dues" in the published catalogue That would be a disgrace to him for all time to come. Please write me without further delay and do what you can. Let me know your wishes concerning [illegible]. He will be ready to start home next week.

Very truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

Fisk University
Nashville. Tenn. July 3d 1871

General Clinton B. Fisk.
St. Louis. Mo.

Dear Sir

I send you papers containing an account of our closing exercises.

Your good letter was received just in time to be read at our first Trustee meeting. We all regretted your absence very much, but rejoiced in your good words, and hope that you may see your ~~hopes~~ largest anticipations realized in the future University.
I suppose that our Secretary has, or will notify you of your unanimous election to the Presidency of the Board of Trustees.

We had a very pleasant, and I trust profitable meeting. The questions of a permanent location - of taking measures to secure an endowment - the establishment of Departments and Professorships were discussed at length.

has already gone abroad to some extent.

At different times during the past two or three years - we have been urged to take this company through the North - It has never seemed practicable until now. A resolution was passed authorizing me to keep this company together during the Summer under careful training - and that next Autumn they be put in the field as a Concert troupe - in the interest of the University - for the double purpose of raising money and waking up the people - ~~both there~~ and as Bro. Cravath says while they are melted [illegible] there - All this provided that the means for the undertaking can be secured without drawing on the general treasury of the Association. Very much depends on the first starting of the thing and its management during the first few concerts and meetings. It seemed to the Trustees that it would rather be your duty to aid this enterprise first by aiding me in raising the special fund for the support and equipment of the Company - Secondly by so shaping your business that you can give a few days or weeks when we start to making it a grand triumphant

We have now a College department having at this commencement entered our first Freshman class of four. Three Professorships are established for it, those of Greek, Latin, and Mathematics.

Last winter we made application to Congress for the donation to the University of the site of Fort Houston - near Nashville - as our permanent location - The application failed for want of time but our ex-Representative Prosser thinks it can be secured at the next Session without a doubt. The tract contains three or four acres and is a most beautiful and commanding site. If a few acres can be bought to it it will be just the place for the University.

It was decided to make another effort to secure the tract at next Session of Congress.

The question of permanent endowment with an agt [illegible] was talked of at length. It was the impression of all that it would be useless to put an Agent at work just now, unless some unusual means could be employed - Several plans were suggested but all abandoned as impracticable except the following: We have a very fine company of singers - about twelve in number - whose fam

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success. It will cost about [illegible] to reach a point where the money will begin to come in. I need some money now — three or four hundred dollars as I have to board the entire company and furnish them with such clothing as they need. Will you not help me in raising the money and in putting the thing through — If I commence it I wish to make it a grand success. Please write me what you think of this "new departure" — and aid me what you are able. We are giving *life itself without measure* to build here an Institution that shall last while men need instruction — We command the respect and in many instances the friendship of those who were our bitterest enemies at the outset — We need *money* now to purchase our land — build our *first* University building and endow professorships —

Hoping to hear from you soon

With great respect

Most truly yours

Geo. L. White

Can you not visit us here before time for the Concert and [illegible] [illegible] the merit & prospects of success [illegible] [illegible]

Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn. [illegible] '91

Mr. Robert Roberts
Care E. H. Harris
Hillsboro Ohio

Dear Sir,

Yours of 21st [illegible] is rec'd. In reply I would state our design to offer the best of facilities for a thorough education and at a reasonable price.

Your expenses here would be, for Board including furnished room, washing, lights, fuel &c. $2.50 per week, or $10.00 per month (four weeks). Tuition in the High School, including [illegible] Girls & Normal Departments is

$12. per year in the lower grades
$9.50 per year. Board is payable
monthly in advance. Tuition by
the term in advance. The total
expense for the year (36 weeks)
will be about $120 —
During the first year we have
had about 500 students in attendance
with us in the [illegible] depts
from 9 different States.
The Fall term will open
Monday, Sept. 1st.
Shall be glad to hear from
you further regarding this
matter.

Most respectfully,
Very truly yours

Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn. July [illegible] 91

Miss Maggie A. [illegible]
Memphis, Tenn.
Dear [illegible] Friend,

Your letter of July 18th was duly received — am very glad to hear from you & to know that you are well and enjoying your vacation.

I am very much obliged to your mother for depositing the money for me in the bank. Mr. [illegible] will collect it at the end of the month. The amount due was $51.05

The amt. paid at the Bank 12.00 from
it leaves yet due $39.05

I am glad to hear of others who wish to come to school. We expect many more students next year than we have had this year.

Give my love to all our students — tell them I am coming to see them before long.

Mr. [illegible] is teaching our Summer School — we have about 20 in our family —

With kind regards for your family & yourself —

Most truly your friend & teacher
[illegible]

Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn, July 26. 1871

J. W. Welborn, Esq.

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter of 22d inst. with Seventy nine dollars ($79.00) enclosed — payment in full of your acc't to June 17th 1871. I am much obliged for the remittance as I was very much in need of money. Since it has become cooler Walter seems in better health — He says that he prefers to remain now. I was afraid that Walter was going to be seriously ill — but he is better —

Very truly yours,
Geo. L. White
Treas

Nashville. July 27. 1871.

Dear Bro Cravath:

I send you herewith enclosed a summary of my report - June & July - and a statement of all our outstanding obligations and of students owing the Institution. I will forward further statement tomorrow regarding amount expended during the two months - Of the amounts which we owe, the 1st includes amount due on meat purchased during three months. The 2d is our entire a/c at Bundles for the year for school books, stationery, school supplies, printing &c. - The 3d - 4 & 5th [illegible] include grain purchased in June & to date - 6th - is for bread & flour in June & to date. 7 is for a water filter and jars for putting up a supply of fruit. The last item is money deposited by students. One man will leave next week and I shall owe him this which I shall have to refund - the others expect to remain in school until their money is used up.

Our resources to meet the obligations follows - all the amounts I consider good. I have omitted all that I consider doubtful. Fourteen of the 24 are now at work teaching or to get money to pay up with - and to enable them to return to school. I enclose a letter which is a sample of many. The others are delayed by one cause or another.

I am using every possible effort to collect - and settle up these accounts. I have been greatly disappointed in regard to some large bills which hang on the refusal of the County to pay the Colored teachers - More than $500 of the amount is already earned - but there seems little prospect of its being paid at present. Money is very scarce and comes slowly - I am hard pushed for about half the amount of my indebtedness.

My accounts were not in good shape when you were here - but I knew within a few dollars of how the matter stood - I did not like to make a statement until I had tried hard to ~~[illegible]~~ collect outstanding bills - in order not to make quite so poor a showing -

When I proposed to refund the $200 I expected to get most of the money due on a/c of the teachers - and to make something from my Memphis Concerts - but I lost $100 in Memphis - and the school money does not come - I can readily see what you feel that I have acted unwisely - I pray to be delivered from any similar experience in the future -

It would aid my slumbers if I was in a shape to pay these obligations - but you must act according to your judgement - you have the facts -

I am doing what I can in the way of repairing putting up fence &c - But I can't do much - as I do not intend to buy anything - or do anything on Credit - hereafter, if we eat bread & water - and the roofs do leak -

Prof. Spence sent me a long bungling draft of

a Circular which amounts almost to a Catalogue
I haven't had time to do anything with it - It will have to be rewritten. I will try & get Mr. Bennett to help me with it tomorrow -

I have had a good deal of trouble with my troupe of singers - People interfere with the singers - Georgia Gordon - one of my principal singers - was induced by others to give up going - she has not practiced with us since you were here - I think I have reached the end of the rebellion now - and I guess she will be here on Monday next. I have collected 40.00 towards the support of the class - which I have expended in clothing - Some of the young men were very destitute - I hope to collect more as soon as I get word what the prospect is - I hope to have no further trouble with the singers - and that the money for their support will be forthcoming - Eight of the Eleven board here - General Fisk is doubtful about the success of the "new departure", but says he will call at the rooms in City & consult you about it.

Laura has concluded not to return for a week or two yet. as the children are better - and she is able to visit more -

With love to all!
Very truly yours!
Geo. L. White

Fisk University.
Nashville, T. July 28th 1871

Dear Bro. Smith:

In consultation with Miss Wells and Mr. Bennett I find them decidedly in favor of publishing the Catalogue instead of a circular. We can readily put it in shape except the course of study. Mr. Bennett thinks that can be fixed up at Oberlin, with Miss Spence & Mr. Smith to aid. Early in September the Colored people hold a Fair here which will be largely attended from the adjoining towns, with delegations from Louisville, Memphis, Chattanooga &c. We ought to have our Catalogue ready for distribution before that time. People are already writing asking for a copy of our Catalogue. We have decided to go to work at it - and if you approve, send me word at once and I will have it out in a few days. Shall there be a change in the Primary grade. I should think all below 5th readers & Ray's Arithmetic might be dropped with advantage to the whole school. I think that would obviate the necessity of using the chapel as a School room.

Please send any suggestions regarding these things if you approve the publication of it at once.

It occurs to me that we ought to make the same charges for Board & tuition the same at this place as at ~~Atlanta~~ or at Atlanta the same as here if possible. If it is cheaper for students to go to Atlanta than come here. many will go who ought to come here. & vice versa.

Very truly yours

Geo L White

Nashville - July 28th 1871-

Dear Bro. Cravath,

I have just had consultation with the agents of the Gas Co. and of the Coal Comp'y. The Agent of the Gas Co. wishes to deliver a supply for our ranges and heaters during the Summer, as their other contracts with foundries &c are such that they cannot agree to keep us supplied if we wait until fall before buying.

200 loads will cost $400 -

The Sewanee Co. will deliver coal before Sept 1st, 50cts per load cheaper than they can after that time - They will deliver at the cheapest 100 loads of small round coal @ 4.00 per load or round at 4.50. It will cost 50ct per load more if delivered as we use it.

I have no means of paying for either at present. It will embarrass us very much if we do not get a supply of Coke while we can. I bought 100 loads last year on credit.

Very truly yours

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Sidney Long
901 Gratiot st
Saint Louis - Mo

Your letter
is just received -
refer you to our ca
I forward by curr

Fisk University was
Colored people of this
tunity to acquire a
liberal Christian Edu
tional - We teach Chr
Sectarianism - The
School here is at

Board including fu
& washing - $2.75 per
of 4 weeks - payable
by the term -

Tuition in the high sch
and in the lower gra
payable by the term

Total cost of Boar
with tuition
according to the grade of the student - many

As soon as a student is sufficiently advanced to enter the Normal Institution may be admitted.

If found worthy the last year of her Normal Course she may be aided from the Peabody Fund.

Please send me the address of Mary Barnes or tell her to write to me.

With great respect
Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas:

Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn. July [illegible] 187[illegible]

Rev. Geo. Whipple
Cor. Secy A.M.A.
&c. &c.

Dear Bro.,

Your letter of 18th inst. was duly received.

As I understand your letter we have received but Fifty five dollars which [illegible] under either head indicated.

We recd from Cong. Ch. [illegible], Danbury Conn. twenty five dollars, acknowledged in the Am. Missionary, and through Miss [illegible] thirty dollars. I do not know from whence it came or whether it was reported in the Am. Miss. or not.

This amount Fifty five dollars was expended in the Current Expenses of the school.

We have received in addition to this Eight Hundred dollars from the Peabody Fund in aid of Normal Students. I send by [illegible] mail - to Bro. [illegible] Statement showing receipts & expenditures for the entire year.

[illegible]
[illegible]
Geo. L. White
Treas.

P.S. I will send Catalogues as soon as published.

Fisk University.

Dear Bro. [illegible] Nashville [illegible]

I send enclosed statement of money as expended in June and July. also a summary of receipts and expenditures for the entire year.

Two errors occur in my last report. The amount of school expenses should be. 317.80 instead of 307.80 and the balance. by an error in transferring my first report this year. was a hundred dollars less than it should be. and as my report was not on a cash basis. and did not correspond with my cash a/c it was not discovered.

The balance due on the deposit a/c (in repayment [illegible]) I am personally responsible for. I had a sufficient amount of it on hand to refund to the young men who left. I think every thing is now straight on paper at least. and ready for my successor.

I have purchased a record book and have prepared an abstract of our accounts to enter as the record of the Trustees. Can you furnish me with the items in reference to the purchase of the grounds? And also of any items in regard to amount of Books & Clothing issued. and the amount paid teachers &c. If you think desirable to enter as nearly as may be, the whole actual cost of founding the Institution in this record

[illegible]

Rev. E.M. Cravath.   Fisk University
Field Secy [illegible]   Nashville. Tenn. August 21. 1871.
Dear Bro.

Your letter just recd. I will publish Prof. Spence's circular if you think best. If the Catalogue is left until Prof Spence's return it will either be published as we have prepared it or it will not be out in season for distribution at the Fair.

Mr. Bennett and Miss Wells wrote out the facts relative to the School. Judge Lawrence has written an "appeal" and statements of results. I have prepared the record of Students Terms - calendar &c. We have written out a course of study such as will be pursued in the lower grades - and I have written to Prof Spence & Miss Morgan what we have done - and requested the studies for the preparatory classes and Freshmen. If I could have everything at hand (including permission) I could get it out ready for distribution by the middle of next week.

We can leave blank any names of Officers or teachers that may be uncertain. The only difficulty I am feeling is to have it out so that I can see what it is doing the work that I have to do. I send you Prof Spence's Circular as it is - and will print it if you think best

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tain. Please write me what is to be done
with the Concert project at as early a day
as practicable that I may know what to
depend on. You can make definite arrange-
ments with Mr. Stewart to take my place
here. as I am satisfied whether I go on a
tour or not, that ~~I~~ it will not be best for
the school or for me to remain here another
year in the same relations to the ~~school~~ that
I have had. I cannot do the work under
the circumstances. If I get out of the tangle
I am in now with my reputation at all
creditable. I will hereafter keep out. I prefer
to work at less wages and sleep well.

If thought best I will do the Concert work for
a while. or if not if you will send a man
to attend to the details of the work that you think
has always gone loosely (and I confess that it has)
I will attend to the general interests of the
School outside and teach what I can.
Miss Wells will work up her department grandly
if let alone or properly supported. She is clear &
practical. She leaves this P.M. for Toledo.

I will commence putting in Coal & coke today.
It is very hot. all are well. I think some of
going to Atlanta on an Excursion train. about the 31.
it will only cost the party $55. for the round trip
and we could certainly make that at a concert in
a church. Most truly Yours. Geo L White

Jno. W. Vary Esq — Aug 3d 1

Clarksville Tenn.

Dear Sir: Dr. Ellis of this city kindly called my attention to a letter written by you in regard to obtaining a supply of teachers for your colored schools.

At present the supply of teachers is so limited and the demand so great that we cannot find you much encouragement. A large number of energetic young men and women are in school, who will ultimately give their time for a season at least to teaching. Most of our students who are at all competent engage in teaching during the summer vacation. This summer we have a hundred students out teaching in the schools of this and adjoining States. I have made inquiry but find none unemployed for this year. Next year we hope for a large increase of students and a corresponding increase in the number of teachers sent out to work.—

If some of your young colored people,—the most able, could come to this or a similar Institution—we could soon return to you teachers for the primary schools—and open the way to the preparation of teachers of a higher grade—

We have found that the surest and most expeditious method of supplying a given locality with reliable teachers, was to encourage the most apt and promising of the young people to attend to school with teaching in view as a profession. Those that have done so in this state are now supplied

If you should desire it. I will next year attempt to turn some of our young people in your direction.

Meanwhile I should be glad to have from you a full statement of the condition and prospects of your school work—in this region that I can use this demand for teachers as an inducement for more energetic effort on the part of those who are already preparing to teach—and also to stimulate others to enter school with the purpose of preparing for teaching.—

I will send you at an early day copies of our catalogue and information regarding our work—

I hope to hear from you again on this subject, as our principal work for some time to come will be the preparation of teachers—and we desire all the information we can get on the subject.

With great respect
Most truly yours

Geo. L. White
Treas.

Aug. 5th

Dear Bro Smith -

I have just received word from Prof. Ogden that he did not mean $100. for the lot - So if you have not sent the money - you need not and if you have I will return it to you if you wish - and you can send me a new note for the whole amount if you wish to return it.

The Colored Fair will be held during the first week of our Fall term -

Laura & the children came this morning - and are comfortably well - Miss Wells went away last evening - will return the first week in September.

It is very hot here - for several days - Nashville has been the hottest place in the United States - by the report of the Signal Service -

Most truly yours -

Geo. L. White

P.S.

I have just rec'd a letter from the Supt of Education - Texas - requesting a supply of teachers for colored schools - Have answered and [illegible] -

New [illegible]
August [illegible]

Miss [illegible] [illegible]

Dear Madam

I shall consider your note of to day as a final settlement of this annoying affair. Now for your information permit me to state [illegible] position to this Institution as determined by her choice (which is not her choice)

1st She has broken a legal contract and in law would be responsible for the damages resulting

2d She has treated the actions of the Trustees, of the Institution in stating her as one of the company with contempt.

3d She has treated me with contempt, 1st in refusing to fulfill her contract after I had reported to the Trustees that she would go and that she was the most reliable girl we had.

2d that when I called to see her as I would

Thurs. August 10th 1

Mrs Gordon. Present.

Dear Madam:

I shall consider your note of today as a final settlement of this annoying affair. Now for your information permit me to state Georgia's relations to this Institution as determined by her choice (which is not her choice)

1st She has broken a legal contract and in law would be responsible for the damages resulting.

2d She has treated the action of the Trustees of the Institution in selecting her as one of this company with contempt.

3d She has treated me with contempt, 1st in refusing to fulfill her contract after I had reported to the Trustees that she would go and that she was the most reliable girl in school.
2d That when I called to see her [illegible] was

any student in a perfectly friendly way — about what I supposed to be a mere misunderstanding — she refused to give me any satisfactory answer to my questions, and treated me with insolence [illegible]

4th. She has damaged the pecuniary interests of the University very greatly — by allowing the matter to be complicated in the way it is — and has added greatly to my labor in preparing for the Concerts — by compelling me to omit many things which I had selected with special reference to her singing — and by rendering useless much music which has already been learned — and on which great labor has been spent and which will require great labor to replace —

Many other instances might be named but they are summed up in the fact that she persists in thus damaging her own interests and those of the University —

Her connection with the University, of course, ceases — by her own choice.

I know of but one way by which she can be excused - as you request.

She must come to me and apologize for her rude treatment & she must take her place in the class as she was. Then if for any good reason you wish her excused - I will will lay the matter before the Board of Trustees and recommend that she be excused from filling this contract.

I have done all that I could to avoid this trouble - I have offered every inducement that could be offered - Georgia is young as you say but she is old enough not to trample on kindness - and children must not undertake to control the affairs of older people -

I have no desire to force her to go - indeed I would prefer now not to have her go - but the matter stands as I have stated it. What is done must be done at once - for I retain a copy of this letter which I shall lay before the Executive Board of the Trustees - at their first

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meeting and report the facts as they are.
Outside parties who have meddled with this enterprise of which they know nothing and in which they can have no possible interest, or such as are students will receive due attention.

Should you desire it I shall be pleased to see you at any time and talk the matter over. I would be glad to see you in company with any gentleman of the City which you – Judge Lawrence or Mr Smith, may select that the full truth of my statements may be attested.

With great respect
Most truly your friend
Geo. L. White

Aug. 10th

Miss Maria Johnson,
Bowling Green. Ky.
Dear Friend & Pupil

There is a balance due on your account for Board & Music — of $28.00 —
It has stood for a long time now and ought to be paid — Please call your father's attention to it and if possible remit me the money. It will be but a little for you to pay but these outstanding little balances embarrass me very much. I am greatly in need of money just now and I hope you will oblige me by sending me this little balance —

All are well at the school — we had a large School last year the Boarding department full — Please write me how you and all the friends are — With kind regards

Most truly yours

Aug. 16th

Mrs. L. Ferguson.
Huntsville. Tenn.

Dear Madame.

Permit me to call your attention again to the balance due for board of Ellen. amounting to twenty dollars. also to your promise to pay me six dollars per month until it was paid. This is now long over-due and ought to be paid. We are needing money very much. Can you not send me the amount of this bill.

With kind regards

Most truly yours

Geo. L. White.
Treasurer.

Please write me what you can do in the matter immediately. G. L. W.

August 11th

Rev. C. W. Francis.
Atlanta, Georgia
Dear Bro.,

The colored people of this place are contemplating an excursion to your city to start the 31st inst. The managers are strongly urging me to accompany the excursion and give a concert or two while at Atlanta with my company of singers.

I write to you for information. What is the prospect there for a successful concert. It will cost me about $70. I suppose to go and return — aside from hall rent. One of the committee informed me that he could get a hall on Whitehall (White) Street for $10. per night. Bro. Cravath is anxious that I should use the company of singers we have — in the South as much as possible.

Please [illegible] — Very truly yours — Geo. L. White

Nashville Aug. 10. 1870

Dear Bro Smith:

Yrs. 8th inst recd. I return the report corrected.

The articles named in the statement forwarded by you I will enter on my books - and include in my next report.

I have had no instructions heretofore in regard to bills paid by you & entered on your books. I suppose the article on the statement as "stove" must be the fixtures for the dry room. I recd no bill of that or of the pianos. I have recd no bill for printing our last years Catalogue - and perhaps there are other articles that have been sent before this from there I have no bill of. The small organ purchased in Cin. is not on the books as I see - or the first piano purchased - although I had a bill of the pianos -

The 1000 - [illegible] of the 2500 - donated by Bro Ogden [illegible] does not appear on my books - neither had Mr. Cary any record of it. Mr Cary had none of the first [illegible]. I think all the other appropriations - the 1000 $ of the 2500 - are on record.

Cubby was quite sick for two days but is better today - the rest all well.

Most truly Yours

Geo L White

August. 15. 1

Prof A. K. Spence
Ann Arbor, Mich

Dear Bro:

Your letters received. Mr Cravath thinks best not to publish the Catalogue until school opens. I have done what I have by advice of all parties interested here. Atlanta will get double the value from its Catalogue - which we shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. As far as I can see there will be very little use for it after school opens, until we make special work of Advertising again. However I'm not the doctor and will ask [illegible], although with [illegible] for [illegible] we shall have a better chance to use it than [illegible] [illegible] case. A Circular will be sent [illegible].

I hear nothing from any General Agent. All comfortably well.

Very truly Yours [illegible]

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L. M. Wellborn, Esq.
Clinton, Miss., to Fisk University — Dr.

To Board of Ida & Walter during Summer term — each 12 weeks = 24 weeks at 2.75 per week —	$66.00
To Tuition — 2 [illegible] — each 2.50	5.00
	71.00
In addition to this there is a bill of Stationery, books &c. purchased by Walter — from Prof. Smith Principal of the High School — amounting to	4.75
making a total to date of	$75.75

Please remit at your
Early convenience —

August. 1[illegible]

J. H. Wallace Esq.
Clinton Miss.
Dear Sir:

Your letter of the sixth instant was written with several others, during the time when I was in a tight place. Our boarding department is established to run on a cash basis - and as we have no fund - or source of income, other than what is paid by students - and it is our intention to furnish board at cost, we require payment in advance - [illegible] [illegible] give time - and the money fails to come - it embarrasses our whole work.

I was sorry to write you as I did - but under the circumstances I hope you will not think me intentionally uncharitable in writing.

I enclose herewith bill for board of [illegible] and [illegible] during the summer term which are all - [illegible]

August 17th 1

Miss Eleanora Slick has been a Student in this Institution during the past three years. She is, at her own request, hereby honorably dismissed to attend School at Oberlin, O.

Miss Slick has been an earnest and faithful student, kind and obliging to her fellow students, and respectful and obedient to her instructors. She is of the highest character and respectability, and, while we regret her departure from this Institution, we take pleasure in recommending her as worthy of the confidence and respect of all with whom she may be associated.

Geo. L. White
Treasurer
in absence of the Principal.

[illegible] 9th.

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to an [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
Committee in Charge of the [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] fair bell, engaged.
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Mr.
[illegible] [illegible] bell. —
of Cincinnati [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the bell — and [illegible] [illegible] —
I have [illegible] [illegible] church bell
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] my impressions are that [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] —
[illegible] [illegible] —
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	$ [illegible]
[illegible]	20.00
[illegible]	10.00
[illegible]	50.00
[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

rain from the South to enter. I have rehung the weights - and am obliged to put new cord in all the windows. at an expense of $2.-

I think best to take down the building in the south East corner [illegible] the roof is about rotted off - and the whole thing will be in danger of falling in a hard wind - as the foundations are much decayed. it will cost about 20 $ to take it down and put up a smaller building from the same lumber. suitable for a shop -

I have not made an estimate of charges - of an partition of the sitting room for sleeping rooms. as I suppose that will depend much on other things - I have paid for all the material I have used in shingling & repairs thus far, about $20. Mr. [illegible] one of our Students does the work in the dormitory & will apply it on Board & tuition next year.

Very truly yours,

Jn. [illegible]

How do you like the circulars? I paid $1.50 for 2500 -

[illegible] [illegible] 22 18[illegible]

[illegible]

You [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] is a [illegible] teacher [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] have [illegible] her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] she is [illegible] [illegible] as one [illegible] she [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the good of the [illegible] — however, I would prefer her to an [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] industrious — [illegible] — and in [illegible] sympathy with the [illegible].

I hope you will be able to secure a [illegible] good man for Mr. Smith's place — one that has good [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible].

You are so long in giving me any [illegible] about the [illegible] [illegible] that it [illegible] be a great [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about the [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] class — [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] it seems to be [illegible] — All the [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible] of money — [illegible] need many things which they could get if they were [illegible] [illegible] work. They are all of the [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] unless their interest can be kept up. I have had to keep the class [illegible] for several weeks a [illegible] [illegible] which is [illegible] — [illegible] they are in [illegible] condition and [illegible] much better than when you [illegible] them — But they are discouraging a great deal to stay here under discipline all shall all be hot summers when they have been used heretofore to much more freedom. They stand it pretty well - but they are getting tired of waiting - and fearful that they are going to be disappointed - It will about kill them out if they don't go.

I haven't advertised any yet - and have kept as quiet as possible. Wish I could hear from you - but I must make some start of a move and stir the waters up a little otherwise.

Laura has written you on the salary question. I knew I had got authority to say I don't expect any [illegible]. — But I am sure I haven't received none—

It is a little cooler here now - only about 90° today— Love to all.

Cordially Yours,

Geo L White

Aug. 21, 1

John Elleman, Esq.
Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Sir,

Please forward to me at your earliest convenience the amount due on Julia's bills — $ 37.50 as I desire to close up these accounts by the end of this month. Will Julia return next year?

We are all well — School opens Sept. 11.

With kind regards —
Very truly yours,
Geo. L. White
Treasurer

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August 1

Mrs. Susan Jones.
243 Monroe St. Memphis.
Dear Madam

The amount of [illegible] due [illegible] [illegible] balance due for [illegible] board & tuition. ($24.30) twenty four dollars and thirty cents. I desire very much to settle up all these accounts before the end of this month.

Remember me kindly to all friends & give my love to Hattie. [illegible] we are all well at the school. and are hoping to [illegible] a [illegible] this year [illegible] for the best [illegible].

Will Hattie be [illegible] next year.

We expect a large school. much larger than the past year.

Very truly yours
[illegible]
Treasurer

P.S.
You can send the money through the Bank or by express -

August 24. 1

Rev. [illegible]
Care [illegible]
Memphis, Tenn

Dear Friends:

[illegible] with expenses last year including board - etc. There - are a balance of $[illegible] from August forward - are $[illegible]
By funds at [illegible] $[illegible]
[illegible] $[illegible]
Leaving a balance due [illegible] $[illegible]

Please forward [illegible] the amount of [illegible] as it is very desirable that I close up my books by the end of the month.

[illegible] all well at the school - and are having as good a time as possible this hot weather - the family is [illegible] and all comfortably well.

I suppose that many of the young people have left Memphis [illegible]? Hope this will find you all well. [illegible] at home.

[illegible]

Aug. 24.

[illegible] E. [illegible] Esq
Chattanooga, Tenn

Dear Friend:—

Your letter of the 19th is just at hand. Am very glad to hear from you. I am sorry you cannot teach school at the first of the year, as it will be a loss to you. I suppose money is very scarce in Chattanooga in consequence of the Railroads [illegible]. What are you doing this summer? I heard that you did not teach long.

All are pretty well with us — we have a family of about [illegible] for the summer. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] is teaching our summer school. Let me hear from you again and how you are situated and what your prospects are. With kind regards

Most truly yours

[illegible]

August 21. [illegible]

[illegible] Esq.
Columbia, [illegible]
Dear Sir:

Credit me by [illegible] in
[illegible]

the total expense [illegible] for [illegible] 127.25
I have been paid ——— [illegible] 45.00
Subscription from Peabody Fund 50.00 95.00
leaving a balance against her of — $32.25

Dr. Sears. General Agent of the Peabody Fund, told me [illegible] last time he came here that he did not wish us to apply the Fund to the [illegible] scholar more than one year. this rule would deprive [illegible] of aid next year. Please write her mother's purpose concerning her, and what can be done for her. — [illegible] upon [illegible] from [illegible] — [illegible]

With great respect, Most truly yours [illegible]

Aug - 25th. 1

Dear Bro. Foster,

The "Excursion" leave here next Thursday 31st inst. I have been in some doubt about making a successful trip. but have at last decided to take the chances. So, Providence permitting, we shall be in Chattanooga next Thursday night - 31st instant. we shall probably reach there about 6 o.c. P.M. - I judge from your letter that your Chapel will not be dry enough to sing in at that time. We cannot sing in it freshly plastered. I would like a good hall - the best there is - and we will give you a first class concert. We cannot sing "Esther" in Costume but will give a part of it - as much as will be interesting - and make up the remainder ~~with~~ of Miscellaneous - popular music. I would like a good piano - and Cabinet organ. Your music dealer will furnish them at cost of moving. The better the instruments the better will be the concert. If we give a concert I want to make it first class in every respect—a worthy representation of A.M.A. work—and make it tell on our side—I hope you will be able to get out the white people to some extent—I put the admission fee at 50 cts—as I hope you can get the best hall you have. I send you tomorrow 100 hand bills—which you can use as may seem best. I have left the name of Hall blank—which can be filled with pencil if necessary.

We expect to go on to Atlanta—and sing Monday & Tuesday nights—4th & 5th Sept.

There will be ten in our party—besides myself. My wife has returned—and if it should be cool weather—she may accompany us—with the children. We can only stay in Chattanooga one night—and I must leave the details pretty much in your hands—if you will take the trouble— My impression is that it would be well to confer with the leading colored men—especially with the pastors—& the men in charge in the churches which have their

grand-general muster here about that time -
notices should be read in the churches - and
[illegible] The Programme will be [illegible]
[illegible] - and [illegible] it on the [illegible]
[illegible] it will be a [illegible] [illegible] - this
[illegible] let a little
only [illegible]
[illegible]

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Missing

[illegible]
a suitable stand for speakers -

Let me hear from you as early
of this - I only decided to go about
an hour ago.

Most truly yours
Geo. [illegible]

Please find out about this
because [illegible] - they should not [illegible]
charge me any - as it is entirely a [illegible]

fund - general matter than about ~~that time~~. notices should be read in the Churches - and Sabbath - The Programme will be interesting - and impress it on the [illegible] that it will be a ~~[illegible]~~ Entertainment - & this only chance - "one night only" - Get a little notice in your papers if possible - and anything to get the people to talking of it - [illegible] we shall be late getting there Thursday and we need all the preparation made. I will send bills tomorrow - notice in the Churches - [illegible] in [illegible] & perhaps three or four more - a good piano & organ - if possible - a good organ if there is not a suitable stand for a piano -

Let me hear from you on receipt of this - I only decided to go about an hour ago.

Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas

Please find out about the license - tax - they should not charge us any - as it is entirely in [illegible]

August 25th,

Mr C. M. Francis
Atlanta -

Yours of 22d inst is received - I do not like the character of these *excursions* - or *Excursionists* - in general - The Good we may do is the only temptation to go. I proposed to the Managers that if they would assume the responsibility of any *loss* - I would go. They ~~not~~ agreed to do it - and so, Providence permitting we will go with the excursion. We shall leave here on Thursday morning next - the 31st inst - sing that night in Chattanooga and reach Atlanta the next (Friday) P.M. -

I would like to give two - (or three) Concerts. I want the *opera house* - if there is one - for at least one concert. We shall probably sing Monday and Tuesday nights - if I could have the opera house for Tuesday - night I could sing in the City Hall the first night - Will there be any local tax - or license to get out? -
We are not taxed here for Concerts - and were not in Memphis -

[illegible]
and I wish to
give Complimentary
tickets to the
principal men
of your city - and will
be obliged if you will
furnish me with
a list of them "at
home" including
pastors of Churches
white & colored -

Respectfully yours
Geo L White

where I can in the South - if there is a reasonable prospect of paying Expenses -

Please make inquiry about the [illegible] & say to the Managers if they object to our having it that we have used Masonic Hall in this city several times — also Greenlaw Opera House in Memphis and other Halls — all first class Concert Halls and have never been refused the use of a hall. Our audience will probably be the well to do — better class of Colored people — and some of the white people — who are interested to note the progress. I don't think there can be any objection to our having the hall, [illegible] though I suppose it will cost something. I could get this request endorsed by nearly every business firm in this city. We shall need in the hall a good piano and cabinet organ — if there is stage room — a good piano will be indispensable — Your music dealers will furnish instruments at cost of moving it to & from the Hall.

There will be 10 in our party besides myself that I am responsible for. My family is here and & if it should be cool and pleasant — I may take them on the trip.

I will print some hand bills today & forward them tomorrow. The tickets of admission will be 50 cts. — I am very grateful to you personally for what you have done — or may do. [illegible] the trip but Rev. Cravath wants me to see these [illegible] any

August 4th 1

A. D. Smith Esq.
[illegible] Memphis.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 21st inst enclosing check for 24.00 – 12.00 for Mrs Ella [illegible] & 12.00 for Mrs Delia [illegible] were duly received and the amts credited to them.

I intended to go to Memphis today but circumstances render it necessary to go to Atlanta the next week and I shall have to postpone my trip to Memphis until my return – I think.

I may possibly think best to go over tomorrow night.

Most truly yours,
Geo [illegible]

Peter Pearl, Esq.
Care Thos. H. Allen & Co.
Memphis. Tenn.

August 26th. 1

Dear Sir: Your letter of Aug. 24. is just received. I send you enclosed a copy of my a/c — I found an error in the old a/c of nearly 5 weeks board which I failed to include in the bill — which would if included make 13 75 more —

Having as many different interests as I have to attend to — I may have failed to give credit for all the amounts received — if so. the receipts which Fannie holds will show it. Please compare your receipts with the amounts credited — and if not correct — of course I will cheerfully correct it. The reason I did not present the bill sooner for last year was that it was but a small balance, you did not mention it — and I understood that perhaps it would not be convenient. So I held it — I think I gave Fannie a copy of the bill at close of School — but may not —

If you find the a/c is not correct — I will

make it so - at your suggestion -
I have been so much pressed and over burdened with care - that I sometimes make an error in my accts - I desire to straighten up every thing now - ~~and shall~~ get and start square for next year -

I intended to go over to Memphis - before now but - circumstances have prevented - We go to Chattanooga & Atlanta next week to give a Series of Concerts - in the interest of the University - Prof Spence & others will probably return by the last of next week.

I heard from you this week through Nelson Walker Esq of this City -

With kind regards
Most truly Yours,
Geo L White

R. H. McCain, Esq — Augt —
by De Soto Street
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Bro

Yr favor of Aug 26 just recd - Will there many of your citizens attend our Fair? If so I should think an Excursion train might bring all students & all at greatly reduced rates - We expect a grand turnout of people at our Fair - they are Coming from the North - South - East & West - will you be up! Please inquire regarding this matter & if a train Comes up suggest that Students Can Come at same rates - School opens ~~at once~~ on Monday previous to the Fair.

I wish you much success in your new mission. I think you will do great good

With love to all

Most Truly Yours

Geo. [illegible]

August 28th

Geo. P. A. Browne, Esq.
227, Hernando St.
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Bro.

I know of no reason why you cannot have your old room - I think you can without a doubt - I should be sorry however to know that changing rooms would cause you to stay away from school.

If as many as ten students come together you will get transportation at ½ rates as before - I have heard that an excursion train would come up about time of the fair here - if so - I should think students would make arrangements at less than ½ rates - I intended to go over to Memphis the past week - but am obliged to go to Atlanta - there next & could not get off

Hope to see you soon - Most truly yrs. Geo. L. White

Please write me if there is to be an excursion up here to attend ~~the~~ the Fair - and what time the students expect to start

September 7th,

Miss Mary Bruce
1712 N. 10th St. St. Louis Mo

Dear Friend —

Yours of 12th inst — was awaiting my return from Atlanta this morning —
I see I did make a blunder — in the amount of the draft. I enclose the difference 3.¢ — It occurred through my noticing another amount on my memorandum — for your account — I hope you will pardon the carelessness — Am glad you wrote about
School opens on Monday — all well —

Most truly Yours

[illegible]

September 9. 1

Dear Bro. Cravath,

We reached here yesterday morning, having been absent Eight days. We were more successful than I expected. we we cleared $\$47.^{00}$ above all expenses including going up Lookout Mountain. I gave two Concerts in Chattanooga and one in Atlanta. the gross receipts were $\$202.^{26}$

We were received with the greatest kindness and respect at all points. I brought with us from Chatta. seven very promising young men. And others are preparing to follow. Mr. Francis and Mr Cory in Atlanta, and Mr Eade in Chattanooga did their utmost to make the trip pleasant and profitable. We had to sing in the city Hall in Atlanta and could not obtain any suitable Hall for a 2d nights concert. tho' we were assured of having a much larger attendance. The Singers did well although they felt very much disheartened and depressed on account of the failure of the association to support the troupe - I am well assured that it will be taken hold of as a private speculation and put through - if it is not used by the school. Two or three gentlemen have said to me that they would furnish money to pay the expenses and divide the profits - or assume the loss as the case might be -

A trip to Louisville and Cincinnati appears feasible - would partially pay expenses but the expenses would be enormous as compared with what it would be if these places were taken in the ordinary route - and as part of a tour -

If I go there I have to act as business agent business manager & stage manager - and am deprived of many of the strongest elements of success to start with. However I think rather than go back on what we have done - We shall risk it - and go to Louisville [illegible] - week after next and make preparations - and go up with the troupe as soon as thought is decided -

Prospect for school is better than it was - a week ago. Eleven came from Memphis this morning. Others will follow next week -

It is very hard on me having all this work thrown on my hands with out help - I am almost sick under it -

Most truly yours Geo L White

Sept. 16th

Dear Bro. [illegible]

School opened yesterday with [illegible] [illegible] in attendance. with about 20. in the Boarding Depts this is considerably [illegible] than [illegible] - first day. All the teachers are here I believe except. the Prin. of High School. & Miss [illegible].

You write of giving $100. towards fitting the Concert troupe to the field. - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who would advise [illegible] something. [illegible] and the [illegible] - who are here [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] commence. - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] absolutely necessary for the [illegible]. [illegible] to [illegible] at least $500. to [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] the advice of friends here decided to make the trial trip at all hazards. I am doing all I can to raise something here. I wish to [illegible] Gen. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] all [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] but all are [illegible] at work. [illegible].

If you think best I will be in [illegible] at the time of the [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]

Septr 15th 1

Philip D. Cory
Cashr. &c Atlanta, Ga

Dear Sir

I have decided with the advice of friends to make a trial trip with the Concert troupe to Louisville Cin. Chillicothe & perhaps Marietta, Pittsburg, Columbus & so on, with taking in all available intermediate points. I desire to make the trip if possible in the interest of the Association and School. Can you, and will you go with (ahead) of me, act as John the Baptist, preparing the way, and I will like Ruth come gleaning after. I will pay expenses. You can fix your own salary. If I succeed I will of necessity be obliged to have such cooperation as you are especially adapted to give. If you see your duty in this direction I will look further.

With kind regards
Most truly

Sept. 13th 1

Henry Butler Esq
Care H. C. Merrill Tr. W & A R.R. Co
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of 10th instant addressed to Supt. ro - is just received. In reply permit me to call attention to the enclosed circular. also to say that the Fall Term of this Institution opened on Monday 11th instant. The entire expense of attending school here is $12.00 per Mo. (4 weeks) or about 120.$ for the entire year - from Sept. 11 - to June 17 - 1872 -

With great respect
Most truly yours
Geo. L. White
Treas.

I will cheerfully answer further inquiries if you wish -

Sept. 22

Hon. Carl Schurz &c.
Dear
Sir

I have the honor of extending to you a most cordial invitation to visit Fisk University at some convenient time during your stay in this city, and would suggest to-morrow (23rd inst.) at 9 o'clock - if convenient for you, as the time.

In behalf of the officers and teachers of Fisk University.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Most truly Yours
for
Treas.

Dec 17

N. D. Smith Esq
Cashier &c Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 15th inst. enclosing Check for Eleven Dollars for Maggie Cannon is duly received, and the amount credited to her.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence
Principal
& A.M.A. Treasurer
&c.

Dec. 19 1

R. R. Coppotte Esq.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 15th inst. inclosing check for fifteen Dollars to apply on a/c of Miss. Mary E. Burton is duly recd. & the amt. credited as requested.

Very truly Yours

A. K. Spence
Principal
& Act Treasurer
msb.

Dec. 19 1

Thos. W. Johnson Esq
Brentwood, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Oct. 28th duly received. I wrote Prof. White in regard to purchasing wood of you, but the letter probably did not reach him. We have plenty of wood for the present. What kind of wood have you? What is your price per Cord delivered? How much cash can you pay? It may be we can receive of you wood as part payment of your indebtedness.

Please answer at your earliest convenience.

Very Truly Yours

A.K. Spence
Principal
& Act Treasurer

Dec. 19th 1

Wm Cross Esq.
Knoxville Tenn -

Dear Sir:

Yours of 3d inst. came duly to hand. The University is in great need of the money due. Shall look for the amt. of your bill on the 15th of next month as promised in your letter.

Very Truly Yours,
A. K. Spence.
Principal
& Act Treasurer
[illegible]

P. S. Prof White is North with a Company of singers from our University giving Concerts to raise money for our Institution and meets with great favor. He will return [illegible] the Spring. A. K. S.

Dec 22 1

J. B. Bell Esq.
Chattanooga Tenn.
Dear Sir

The University is in great need of funds. Your attention is called to your indebtedness for

1½ mo Board @ $11 00/100	16.50
1½ mo Tuition @ 1 33/100	[illegible]
Cash, fare to Chattanooga,	[illegible] 26.00

[illegible] le on the Church in Chattanooga [illegible] E. O. [illegible] [illegible] has settled on you. Please send $20 at an early day.

Hope you are in much better he[illegible] [illegible] you left here. All are well [illegible]

Very Truly Yours

[illegible]

Dec 23d

Rev E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro,

Yours with check for $320 is received. During this coming week I will send you explanatory statements in regard to our financial condition. At present let me say that I think it absolutely essential that all this floating debt should be paid at once. We are going now on a cash basis and passing from credit to cash must involve several hundreds of dollars. I find upon certain conditions made known by him to you we can borrow $2000 of Mr Bennett. Unless the trous[illegible] can [illegible] him at once to send an [illegible] A. M. A. can advance it I think the [illegible] money should be borrowed.

Yours [illegible]

A. K. Spence

Dec 26 1

J. H. Welborn Esq.
Clinton Miss.
Dear Sir:

Let me call your attention to your bill heretofore rendered, date Aug 17th. Also to the indebtedness for this school year.

viz. To Board of Ida & Walter from Aug 17th to Jan 1, 73, 19½ weeks, each @ $3. per week, when not pd in advance	117.
" Tuition, Fall Term Walter $5. Ida $4.	9.
" Cash. paid Express on Box	3.75
	$129.75
" Amt. of Bill, Aug 17th	75.75
	$205.50

The University is in great need of every Dollar due it. Prof. White is East in the interest of the University.

Please remit at your earliest convenience and oblige Yours Truly
A. K. Spence.

Jan [illegible]

Mr Wm Simmons,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Dec 29th as well as the one before came safe and I was glad to hear from you. It is well you are going to school. We have begun again today with a good attendance.

Enclosed please find a draft on the Richmond Branch of the Freedman's Bank for Fifty Five & 50/100 dollars. Answer at once and forward the duebill I gave.

All your friends would wish to be remembered to you.

Your sincere friend

A.K. Spence.

Jan. 3d

Mrs. R. Hatten
102 DeSoto St.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Willie has been expecting to hear from you & to-day he handed me your note asking for his Bill. It is as follows:

To Board 16 Weeks, Sept. 11 to Jan 1, '72	@ $3.00	48.00
" Tuition, Fall Term,		4.00
Amt. Due		$52.00

The rules require that Board & Tuition be paid for monthly in advance. If for any reason the Board is paid at the end of the month the price is $3.00 per week. See Circular inclosed herewith. The Institution is in great need of money. I hope you can at once send the $52. due for Fall Term and also $12. for January of this Term. Willie is very well and doing well.

Very truly yours
A. K. Spence,
Pr.

Jan. 8 2

Mrs. Ann Robinson
161 Jefferson St. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Allow me to call your attention to the Bill of Tuition, as follows:

To Board, 16 Weeks, Sept 11 to Jan. 2nd 72, @ $3.	48.00
" Tuition, Fall Term,	5.00
" Paper & Postage Stamps	.25
	$53.25
By Cash Sept. 16th	3.00
" " Dec. 25th	17.00
	20.00
Balance Due	$33.25

The rules require that Board & Tuition be paid for monthly in advance. If for any reason, the Board is not paid for till the end of the month the price is $3. per week. See Circular inclosed herewith. Hope you can at once send the $33.25 due, & also $12. for the month of January.

Very Truly Yours,

Rev. Page Tyler
Memphis Tenn.-
Rev. Sir:

Yours of 6th inst. enclosing check for Eleven Dollars is received and credited to account of son John. I have given John a receipt for the check. He will write you soon. – We are much obliged to you – shall look for another check soon.

Very truly yours,
A.K. Spence
26.

Jan 8th 2—

N. D. Smith Esq.
Cashr. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 6th inst: inclosing Check No. 1246 for $32. to the credit of Aaron Maxwell also letter of 6th inst. inclosing Check No. 1249 to the credit of Maggie Carnes, are duly recd. and the amts. credited to the persons named.

Very truly Yours
A.K. Spence Tr.

In the absence of Prof. White, it would be better to send checks to my order.

A.K.Sp.

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Jan 9th 2

Bennett Hot Air Furnace Co.
Cincinnati Ohio

Enclosed herewith please find Draft, No. 443, on Freedman's Savings and Trust Co. Washington D.C. for Twenty Six $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars amt. of Bill rendered. Please receipt Bill.

Very Truly Yours,
A.K. Spence
26.

Jan 16 2

R. N. Countee Esq.
Brownsville Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 13th inst. enclosing check for $16. is received to-day. and $16. is duly credited to the account of Miss. Mary E. Benton

Very truly yours
A. K. Spence

Jan. 18 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Field Sec. A. M. A.
New York City
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find statement amount due Jan 1, 1872 on account of Board & Tuition for 1st Term 1871-2, $950.07 - also statement of Amt. paid this month to date to apply on students accounts for 1st Term $228.15 - also statement concerning certain students.

We are not able, at present, to give our resources and liabilities, or to state with any degree of accuracy whether the income from student boarders and the tuition from day scholars is more or less than our current expenses.

At the close of the 1st Term a statement of each students account was rendered - Each Boarder was informed, personally, that the balance due for the Term must be paid by the first day of the 2d Term.

and also [illegible] as far as possible each [illegible] be prepared to pay in advance for the month of January 72 - On the morning of the 2d Term as the Boarders presented themselves for registry they were questioned concerning amt. due and the advance money desired, but not one was prepared to pay a Dollar. Conditional permits were given to every Student, but given ~~that was~~ in arrears limiting the privileges of the Institution to the time necessary for them to write & receive letters from home. One Student, Caleb Hermany was not allowed to enter at all because he did not make any payments on 1st Term and return after vacation without bringing any money or presenting any valid promise to pay. Two Students were allowed to enter for two weeks only. At the close of second week (last Saturday) one of them paid $30. and the other gave good evidence of being able to pay within the next two weeks.

Both recd. permits for two weeks longer till they can secure more money. Several recd. permits only for the month of January. Of these, some we think are able to pay as they go, others [illegible] worthy of assistance.

The Institution is running on a cash basis as far as making indebtedness is concerned. Thus far the students have been credited to a large extent, as the enclosed statements show. If the A.M.A. is able to advance the funds necessary to keep us on a cash basis and trust the students till they are able to pay, we are ready so to do. If the A.M.A. is not able, we must cut off from the privileges of this Institution all who are not in ready funds or reached by the Peabody Fund. We would like instructions before Feb 1st. that we may know better what to say to the students who are now on probation, financially.

Very truly Yours
Henry M. Hubbard

NO. A. M. A. ARCHIVES
FISK UNIV.

Jan 19 — 2

Wm Cross Esq.
Knoxville Tenn—
Dear Sir:

Yours of 16th inst. inclosing Eight (8) Dollars is at hand and you are duly credited. In regard to credits which you claim and our Books do not show we must refer the matter to Mr. G. L. White. We inclose Circular. No catalogue has yet been issued for this year.

Very truly Yours
A. K. Spence

Jan. 23 2

Mrs. Ann Robinson,
101 Jefferson St. Memphis Tenn—

Dear Madam—

Enclosed herewith please find Bill for Board, Tuition &c of Edna to date. The Post Office money order for $20. sent us Jan. 20th is duly credited on our Books and appears in the Bill. Please remit at an early day and oblige

Yours Truly

A.K. Spence

Balance due to Date on a/c $34.10

Jan 24

Rev. Page Tyler,
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Rec'd. this day yours of 22 inst. enclosing Check for $3. We have paid John $2. as requested, and give credit on a/c $1.

Very truly Yours,
A. K. Spence
26.

Jan. 24 3

Mess. Wm Resor & Co.
Stove Manufacturers,
Cincinnati, Ohio.
Gents:

Send us by Express

1 Grate for No. 3 Five Twenty (Coal) Stove - also
1 Fire Box. Globe No. 5. Chamberlain & Co. [illegible]

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence
26.

Jan 4 [illegible]

[illegible]

Cashr [illegible]

Dear Sirs

Yours of 25th ult. enclosing Ck 1236 for Sixty four Dollars is at hand & the amt. duly credited to acct of Willie Waters.

Very Truly Yours

C. K. Spence [illegible]

Jan 8 [illegible]

[illegible]

Cashr Memphis Tenn

Dear Sir

Yours of 25th inst. enclosing Ck 1826 for Fifty four Dollars is at hand & the amt duly credited to acct of Willie Waters.

Very truly Yours

A.K. Spence

A.A.A. ARCHIVES
NOT UNIV.

Jan 29 2

Mess. Wm Resor & Co.
Stove Manuf. Cinc. Ohio
Gents:

Inclosed herewith please find 76c price of Grate for No. 3 Fire Twenty Stove. Please send grate by Express.

Very Truly, Yours
A.K. Spencer & S.

Jan 29 2

James H. Allen Esq.
Chattanooga Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Last Friday we recd. from Monteith & Co. a letter direct to you which we warded according to instructions. Its contents 6. we applied on account.

Hope you are in better health than when left here. Write when you can— Please that money is sent as very soon.

are having very interesting prayer meetings vening from 6:30 to 7 o'clock. Keep on seeking. May you soon find Jesus.

Your friend
Geo. W. Hubbard

Jan. 29 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath-

Dear Brother:

Yours of 22d inst. came duly to hand. I find Mr. White's Statement concerning Amount due from Students. The sum thus reported is $97. Since the Statement and up to the time Mr. White went North the books show $62.95 Collected - Since Oct. 9th there has been rec'd. on these a/cs 97.25 + 50. (pd. by Clements to [illegible] at Cin. O.) = $147.25 - Total Amt. Collected to date $210. Payments on these accounts come in slowly. As fast as I learn the residence & circumstances of the persons named in said statement I write them concerning the balance due the University.

The general rules given on the question of trusting students accord with my views. The policy of giving help by way of time to honest reliable earnest students dependent upon their own resources will meet the approbation of every friend of the Am. Miss. Ass. No class of persons should be encouraged to incur too large a debt. Pay as you go should be the rule. The students should be expected to make some arrangem in acct payments:

Tuition of day scholars is paid monthly in advance, except in special cases. On the first two days of the month I go from room to room, just after chapel exercises in morning, & collect for the month. There is a correspondence with Rev. E. O. Tade in regard to the accounts of Chattanooga Students & [illegible] the church will there pay part of such any students. All the Chattanooga Students except two are here this term.

The weather has been very cold for some — Students and teachers are suffering in these poorly constructed buildings. Hasten the day when the students seeking an education at our hands can be provided with comfortable respectable rooms.

The reports from the "Jubilee Singers" are very encouraging. May complete success attend the enterprise.

Very truly yours
Henry W. Hubbard

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sity Nashville.

Prof. A. Spence	Nashville Tenn.
Mr. G. White	" "
Rev. H. S. Bennett	" "
" G. W. Andrews (Left Nov 14th)	East Hampton Conn.
Mr. ? W. Hubbard	Elgin Ill.
" [illegible] E. Mann	Oberlin Ohio
Miss E. Malton	Bloomfield "
" M. Wells	Jonesville Mich.
" L. Gantley	New London Ohio
" [illegible] Morgan	Oberlin "
" [illegible] E. Burr	" "
" Rebecca Massey	" "
M. [illegible] Day	Sheffield "
Ella Shepherd	Cincinnati "
" E. E. Cross	Rochester N.Y.
H. Plumb (Left Nov 22nd)	Decatur [illegible]

Jan [illegible]

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
Dear Brother;
Enclosed please find list of names and homes of teachers and missionaries at Nashville, Fisk University.
Yours truly
A. K. Spence.

Feb. 1st

Rev. E. M. Cravath
Dear Brother

[illegible] concerning papers relating to the West Nashville property is at hand. The papers are here & we now enclose them to you. Rev. Bennett rec'd them of Col. Prosser last week for the purpose of remodeling Mr. White's letter as to date, the person addressed & some minor changes regarding the school since the letter was written. Rev. Bennett is absent this week. Prof. Spence is sick. My hands are full. The changes suggested are not material. Col. Prosser will help by way of letter & has it in mind to work the matter through by aid of Hon. H. Maynard of this City, but he expects to be in Washington about Mch. 10. We fear further delay in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,
G. W. Hubbard.

February 3d. 2 -

Rev. E. M. Cravath -
Dear Brother:

Enclosed herewith please find Financial Statement for Jan. Also Supplemental Statement Amt. due Mary Flyntoff for work in Laundry last Summer. Have paid in full every reported obligation except that of Mr. Grosley, Ast. Prin.; S. Ely, Dorman & Co. for Buggy, E. A. Randel & Mr. Wilson. To these we have paid the greater part due, but think it not safe to balance a/c without the full knowledge of Mr. White. So far as I know there is not now one dollar due on indebtedness made this School year.

Seven new Students (4 boys, 3 girls) arrived last eve. from Miss. This morning they were duly registered & paid in advance for [illegible] Two of these boys were at Vicksburg at Sch.

Father E. Hathaway was here recently for a few days. Left for Cin. O. via Berea last Monday. He were kind to him but could not give him much of our time. Think he was favorably impressed with the work here. We did not tell him our needs. He was here during our coldest weather. Perhaps a letter from you to him would result in material aid to Fisk University.

Prof. Spence is better though not able to do much teaching yet.

The teachers are holding a half hour prayer-meeting from 6½ to 7 o'clock P.M. for their good & the good of student [illegible] blessing us.

Very Truly Yours
G. W. Hubbard.

Yesterday I forwarded papers concerning Mr. [illegible] [illegible]

R. W. & A. ARCHIVES

Feb. 5 2

B. Sears D.D.
Agt Peabody Fund

Dear Sir, I

send you with this a list of sixteen very promising and needy students in course of preparation for teaching who are recommended for aid from the fund by your rule.

I do not think the specifications you sent me be your but think I have examined them all and that these names fulfill the conditions.

Yours very truly
J. H. Spence
Prin. High Sch.

List of students recommended as proper persons to be aided by the Peabody Fund—

1 Laura Hanes
2 Hattie Kimbro
3 Sallie Patton
4 Thos. H. Johnson
5 John E. Patton
6 A. E. Jackson
7 Clemmie McClain
8 James M. Young
9 Richard Guthrie
10 Mason Clements
11 Willie Henderson
12 Hinton Alexander
13 Laurence Anderson
14 Young A. Wallace
15 Wiley Custer
16 John Tyler

Feb. 7 2

Mr. Turner Hunt
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir:

We are making out monthly statements of students accounts and send herewith the a/c of sons Fred. & Blair. We design to collect every month from all our patrons. See second page of inclosed Circular.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence
Tr.

Nashville Tenn. Feb. 7 1872.

Turner Hunt Esq.
To Fisk University Dr.

To Board of Fred 4 weeks Jan 1st to 29th @ 3.	12	
" Blair 3½ " " 4th to " " 3.	10 50	
Tuition " Fred for 4 weeks High School	2 68	25 18

Cr.

By Cash Jan. 29th		22
Balance Due Jan 29th		$ 3 18

Feb. 7 2.

Rev. Page Tyler.
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir:

We are making out Monthly Statements of Students accounts and give below the a/c of your son John.

Balance due as 1st Term 75-76 37.
Board & W. Jan 1 to 29th. 4w @ 3. 12.
49.

Recd. Cash Jan. 8th 11.
" " " 29th 11. 22.
Bal. Due Jan 29th 27.

We design to collect every month from all our patrons. See second page of inclosed Circular.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence
26.

Feb. 7th 2.

Mrs. R. Watkins,
102 DeSoto St.
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Madam:

We are making out Monthly statements of Students accounts and send herewith the a/c of son Willie.

Balance Due as 2d Term 52.
Board 4 weeks Jan 1 to 29th @ 2.75 (1.00) 11.
Tuition " " " 1. 1.
64.

Recd. Cash Jan. 27th 64.

See second page of inclosed Circular as to time of payment.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence
26.

February 7 2

Mr. Millie Maxwell
500 Shelby St. Memphis Tenn.
Dear Madam:

We are making out Monthly statements of Students accounts and send herewith the account of your daughter Florence—

Balance due at close of 1st Term	40.40	
Board 4 Weeks, from Jan 1st to 29th @ 3.	12.	
Tuition "	1.	
Music 8 Lessons @ 50	4.	$57.40
Recd. Cash Jan. 8th		32.
Balance Due Jan 29th		25.40

Our expenses are large and we are in great need of money. We design to collect monthly from all our patrons. See 2d page of inclosed circular our rule concerning payment for board & tuition—

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence

February 7th 2

Mrs. Ellen Carnes,
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Madam:

We are making out monthly statements of students accounts and send herewith the account of your daughter Maggie.-

Balance due on 1st Term	22.50	
Board, 4 weeks. Jan. 1st to 29th @ 3.	12.	
Tuition " " "	1.	
Music, 8 Lessons @ 50c	4.	38.00.
Recd. Cash Jan. 8th 72		11.
Balance due Jan. 29th		$28.50

We are in great need of money and design to collect every month from all our patrons. See second page of inclosed circular our rule concerning payment for Board & Tuition.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence
23.

February 1st 2

Mrs. Genitha Black,
Wetumpka, Ala.

Dear Madam:

We are making out monthly statements of Students accounts and send herewith the account of your Daughter Lizzie.

Balance due on 1st Term	14.65
Board 4 weeks Jan 1 to 29th @ 3.	12.
Amt. due Jan. 29th	$26.65

We do not charge for Tuition last month as Lizzie has not been able to attend school. She is much better now & we hope she will soon be well.

Our expenses are very large & we are in great need of money. We design to collect monthly from all our patrons. See second page of inclosed circular our rule concerning payment for board and Tuition.

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence
Tr.

Feb 7 2

Rev. E. O. Tade -
Chattanooga Tenn -
Dear Bro

We herewith acknowledge $15. at the hands of Rev. H. S. Bennett and give credits as follows: John E. Patton $6. - Jacob [illegible] Hutchins $5. - Wm Henderson $4.

What do you know concerning Calvin Mason a student from your place who was here all last Term and one month, Jan., this Term without paying us any money, and left without our knowledge? We have been informed that his Father is able & has been able to pay for Board & Tuition of son had he been so disposed.

Very Truly Yours,
A.K. Spence
ob.

Feb. 7 2

Jacob C. Hutchins Esq.
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Sir—

Inclosed please find receipt for $5. credited to your account from 1st. Congl. Church of Chattanooga. Let me remind you of your account as we are in need of money.

School is going on very nicely. Seven new students (4 young girls) came last week from Miss.

Hope you are doing well in your studies at Atlanta. Write me soon.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard

Feb. 9 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath-

Dear Brother,

Yours of 5th inst. came to hand this morning. Bro. Bennett & I called on Col. Prosser. He favors the matter of a petition and will draft one in proper form & secure the signatures of influencial men of Nashville, also will write to some of the leading men in the State to send personal letters to Senator Maynard urging our claims.

Very Truly Yours
G. W. Hubbard

It is Col. Prosser's intention to have the petition ready to forward to Senator Maynard next Monday evening.

H.

February 12, 2

John McDaniel Esq.
Mound Place, Miss.,
Dear Sir:

In the absence of Mr. White let me call your attention to your account. The amount still due is $37.20 –

Our expenses are very large and we are in need of all the money due us. Please send the above amount (37.20) very soon and oblige

Yours Truly
A. K. Spence,
Principal,
& act Treas.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES
REF. No.

Feb. 13th 2

Allen Gregory Esq
[illegible] Miss.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Mr. White let me thank you for your influence in sending us Gabriel Quirky's party. They like them all and they are now well started in their studies.

We are now looking for the balance due on your account for Board & Tuition of Georgy & Hetty. It is $42.50.

Our expenses are very large and we are in great need of all the money due us.

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence,
Principal,
& act Treas.

A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Feb. 13th 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro—

In the absence of Bro. Bennett (he having gone to McMinnville last Sat. A.M.) I called this Monday eve. on Col. Prosser & learned that he had drafted a petition, secured suitable signatures & forwarded the same to-day to Hon. Mr. Maynard. Col. P. also wrote in detail a letter to Genl. Eaton concerning the matter.

Very Truly Yours,

G. W. Hubbard.

Feb. 13th 2.

N. Q. Smith Esq.
Cash. &c. Memphis Tenn—

Dear Sir:

Recd. this day Ck., 1300, for $[illegible] which is duly credited to the a/c of Maggie Carnes.

Yours Truly
A.K. Spence
Treas.

Feb. 12th 2

Miss Emma King
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Friend:

In the absence of Prof. White [illegible] me call your attention to the Balance due the University on a/c of your board & tuition $20.65. Can you not very soon pay part if not all of the amount? We are in great need of money and hope you can send us some very soon.

Truly Yours

A. K. Spence

Principal p.t.

Feb 12th 2

John Tillman Esq.
Memphis Tenn
Dear Sir:

Let me call your attention to the Balance due the University $37.85 on account of board & tuition &c. of Julia. We are in need of the money due us and hope you can at once send us $37.85

Mr. White is North this winter in the interests of the University.

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence
Principal Pro.

Feb. 14 2

Mrs. R. D. Waters,
102 DeSoto St. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Your letter asking for the amount of Willie's Bill to the close of this school year came to hand this morning. The school year closes June 15th. You have paid in full to January 29th. From Jan. 29th to June 15th is 20 weeks. If the board bill is paid monthly in advance the cost will be, 20x2.75. $55. - If paid at the end of each month the cost will be, 20x3. $60. The Tuition must be paid in advance. It is $1. for 4 weeks. For the 20 weeks it will be $5. - The cost then if paid monthly in advance is $12. per month & for the 5 months to end of Term will be $60. & if paid monthly at the end of the month the cost will be $13. per month and for the 5 months will be $65.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence Principal

Feb. 16th

Mr. David Jones,
Glenwood [illegible] Co. Miss.

Dear Sir:

Let me call your attention to the Balance still due on Humphreys Bill [illegible] Our expenses are very great and we are in need of all the money due.

Mr. White is North this winter in the interest of the University.

Please send $7 20/100. and greatly oblige

Yours Truly

A. K. Spence
Principal

$201 [illegible]

Feb. 16th 2

Rufe Devol Esq.
Empire Iron Works
Trigg Co. Ky.-

Dear Sir:

Mr. G. L. White is North this winter in the interests of our Institution. The Balance due on account of Board & tuition of your son is $7 25/100. No money has been received from you since March 23d 1871.

We are in great need of all the money due. Our expenses are large and we must have money to pay our debts.

Please send at once the amt. due & oblige

Yours Truly,
A. K. Spence,
Principal
& Act Treas.

Feb. 16th 2

Mr. John B. Robinson,
P. O. Box 226, Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 12th inst. concerning your account came to hand this morning. I am very glad you are able to pay the Balance due on your account $36.25. You can send the money through the Freedman's Bank or by Post Office money order, or by Express Order as you suggest.

Mr. White is North this winter in the interest of the University, giving Concerts and raising money to build new buildings.

The Institution is doing very well. There is a good number of students in attendance. Hope you can return sometime & continue your studies.

Very Truly Yours,
A. K. Spence

Feb. 17th 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro.-

Enclosed please find "School" Reports for Sept. Oct. Nov. & Dec. 71. and Jan. 72.

Very Truly Yours,

H. W. Hubbard.

February 1st 2

Mrs. Carrie Wall
Care of Steamer Illinois, Cairo, Ill.

Dear Madam—

Your letter of inquiry to Mr. John Ogden is at hand.

I enclose herewith a Circular which will give you the desired information.

The students who board in the Institution are under our direct care, and are brought under all the social, refining and elevating influences of a Christian family and home.

Any further information will be cheerfully given. Our rules require that payments be made in advance or at the end of each month. I would be glad to see your son here by the 1st of next month.

Very Truly Yours,
A.K. Spence,
Principal H.

Feb. 24 2

Mr. Randle Hinde
Care Maj. G.B. Hunt,
Glencoe Ldg. Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir:

Our rules require that every student on entering the Institution shall pay in advance at least the price charged for Board and Tuition for one month's $12. Mr. W. Robinson advanced this day to us $24. on a/c of Board and Tuition of your daughters Laura and Emma.

Enclosed you will find circular giving terms and time of payment. It is necessary to adhere strictly to these rules.

We are glad to have your daughters here—will take good care of them and see that they study well.

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence
Principal &c.

Feb. 27th 2

Mr. J. H. Wilborn
Clinton, Miss.,

Dear Sir:

Recd. to-day by Express $100. sent to Mr. L. White. Paid charges $1. and give credit for $99. on a/c of Board & Tuition of Ida & Walter. Thanks for this sum, but [illegible] to receive the full amt. of Bill rendered. Herewith is statement of a/c to close of this 2d Term, Mch. 27/72.

Balance per Bill rendered		205.50
Board of Walter from Jan. 1. 72 12 weeks @ 3.	36.	
" Ida " " " " " @ 3.	36.	
Tuition " Walter " " " "	4.	
" " Ida " " " " "	3.	79.
		$284.50
By Cash Feb. 27th 72		99.
Balance Mch. 27/72.		$185.50

Our expenses are very large & it is necessary for us to have the money due, to meet these expenses. Please send the above amt. at an early day & greatly oblige
Yours truly, A. K. Spence.

Feb. 29 2

Mr. R. Lewell,
Trigg Furnace, Ky.-
Dear Sir:

Yours of 22nd inst. was recd. yesterday. We called at the Iron store of Hillman Bros. yesterday and to-day. No money or order there to pay us. If Hillman Bros. are in debt to you to the amt. of our Bill, please send to us an order on them for $74 25/100. & greatly oblige

Yours Truly
A.K. Spence.

March 1 2

Mr. Wm. B. Murfa
Glencoe Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. White was handed to me by Miss Ellen Murfa. Fruzanna would like to go home when Mr. W. Robinson Returns, and in accordance with your letter we permit her to go and give her $11. the price of Fare to Memphis. By the payment of $33.88 on Jan. 27th Fruzanna Board & tuition fees paid to Feb. 26th. We make no charge for the ½ week from Feb. 26th to date. We let Fruzanna have $1. to buy some things, & now advance to her $11. making the am't now due $12. — Hope she will have a pleasant journey and reach home safely. Please send the am't $12. at an early day.

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence Tr.

March 1st 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Brother—

Inclosed please find Financial Statement for February—also "School" Report for February.

Very Truly Yours.
G. W. Hubbard.

Mch. 2d 2

Rev. Page Tyler
Memphis Tenn -

Dear Sir:

Yours of 29th ult. inclosing check No. 1344 for $11. is recd. and $11. duly credited to John's a/c. The check for $11. sent Feb. 12th was also credited.

The rules as established by Mr. White & given in the inclosed Circulars are that when payment for the Month is not made till the end of the month, or afterwards, the price for board per week is 3. instead of 2 75/00. In accordance with this rule you have been charged $3. per week. Our Books show a balance against you at the end of every month. If Mr. White agreed that the price should be $11. & paid at the end of the month we will give you credit for the amt. over charged - Bal. as in a/c to close of term Mch 25th

Balance due Jan 29th	27.	
To Board 8 weeks Jan 29th to Mch. 25th @ 3.	24	51.
By Cash Feb. 14th	11.	
" " Mch. 2d	11.	22.
Balance due Mch. 25th		$29.

Very truly Yours
A. K. Spence

March 2d. 2

Rev. Jerry S. Stubbs,
Holly Springs, Miss.
Dear Sir:

Your letter to Abram Smith Esq. inquiring concerning Fisk University has been referred to me. Inclosed herewith please find Circular containing the information you desire. Our Institution is doing well. The number of Scholars is continually increasing this year. Three new scholars from Miss. last week.

Any farther information concerning our Institution will be cheerfully given.

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence.

Mch. 7th. 2

Rev. E. O. Tade,
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Dear Bro.

The Money Order for Twenty-five Dollars sent Rev. H. S. Bennett is recd. and $10. Credited to a/c of Jacob Hutchins, 10. to a/c John E. Patton and 5. to a/c John B. Bell. Thanks for the same.

Yours Truly
A. K. Spence
Tr.

Mch. 7th 2

R. N. Counter Esq.
Brownsville Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 3d inst. inclosing Post Office order for $6. is duly recd. and $6. placed to the credit of Mary E. Burton. Thanks for the same.

Yours Truly
A. K. Spence Tr.

Mch 11th 2

H. D. Smith Esq.
Cashr &c. Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 18th inst. inclosing Check (No. 1364) for $16. to be credited to a/c of Maggie Carne is duly recd & the Amt. credited as requested.

Yours Truly
A.K. Spence Tr.

March 19th 2

Mrs. Ellen Barnes
312 Jefferson St. Memphis Tenn

Dear Madam,

Thanks for the $16. recd. yesterday through the Bank. We are this month making out the accounts of those who still owe us, and herewith is Maggie's account to the close of this Term March 23d 1872.

Balance due Jan 29th as reported in letter Feb 7th	28.50	
Board. 8 Weeks, Jan 29th to Mch 25th @ 3.	24.	
Tuition " " "	2.	
Music, 15 Lessons @ 50c	7.50	
Cash lent Maggie	5.	67.00
Contra		
Cash, Feb. 13th	14.	
" Mch. 18th	16.	30.00
Amt. due Mch. 23d		$37.00

Hope you can without great inconvenience to yourself send us the amount due. We need it.

Very truly yours,
A. K. Spence.

March 12th 2

Mrs. R. Waters,
102 De Soto St. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam—

Let me again call your attention to the account of your son Willie, as we are this month sending out statements of the amount due at the close of this Term Mch 23rd.

Board, 8 Weeks, Jan. 29th to Mch 24th @ 3. 24.
Tuition " " 2. $26.

It is necessary for us to observe the rule requiring payment to be made in advance or at the end of the month.

Please send us soon the amount due, $26. and oblige

Yours Truly
A. K. Spence Tr.

March 12th 2

Mrs. Hilda [illegible]
500 Shelby St. Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam -

Let me again call your attention to the account of your daughter Florence as we are this month sending out statements of amount due at close of this Term, March 28th.

Balance due Jan. 28th per bill rendered	25.40
Board, 8 weeks from Jan. 28th to Mch. 24 @ 3.	24.
Tuition, " " "	2.
Music, 15 Lessons @ 50¢	7.50
Amt. due Mch 28th	58.90

We are in need of the money due and hope you can send the above amount soon, and without great inconvenience to yourself.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence
Per

Mch. 13th " 2

Mrs. Mary Fletchall,
Memphis, Tenn -
Dear Madam;

We are making out the accounts of those who are owing us, and give herewith Louisa McGill's Bill for Board, Tuition, Cash &c.

Board, 3 Weeks Jan 1st to 22d 72 @ 2 75/100	8.25	
Tuition,	1.	
Music, 5 Lessons @ 50c	2.50	
Cash, Ticket to Memphis	11.35	
" , Hack for Louisa & Trunk to Depot	.50	
" , Money loaned to Louisa	1.	24.60
Contra Balance Jan 1, 1872	1.85	
Cash Jan. 8, "	5.	6.85
Amt. due -		$17.75

Louisa coming back to School this year? We are glad to know you are recovering from your severe sickness.

Yours truly
A. K. Spence,
26.

Mch 15th

N. B. Smith Esq.
Cashr. &c. Memphis Tenn—

Dear Sir:

Check No. 1881 for $32.00 is at hand, & the Amt. duly credited to ac. of Florence Maxwell

Yours Truly
A. K. Spence
Tr.

March 19th 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro:

Prof. Spence wishes to order through you 50 copies of "Songs of Devotion", Mess. Bigelow & Main, Publishers N.Y. It is thought the A.M.A. could secure 50 copies at lower rates than though we ordered direct.

The books are needed for use in our prayer-meetings and family devotions. Please order at once.

Very Truly Yours,

H. W. Hubbard.

Mch 19th 2

N. D. Smith Esq.
Cash. &c. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir;

Yours of 18th inst. enclosing ck No. 1387 for $10. is at hand. $5 – is duly credited on a/c of Willie, and $5. paid to Willie. Thanks.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence
26.

Mch 26th 2

Miss D. E. Emerson,
59 Reade St., New York;

Your letter of 23d inst. is at hand. There are Four (4) Students in the Freshman class - Six (6) in the Senior Preparatory class, and Twenty-four (24) in the Junior Preparatory class.

Very Truly Yours,
A. K. Spence,
H.

Mch. 26th 2

Mrs. Hilda Maxwell,
560 Shelby St., Memphis Tenn..

Dear Madam:

Florence recd. a letter to-day saying you wished to know the amt. due to close of 2d Term, Mch. 23d, and also what would be the expense to the close of next Term, June 15th 187 . I wrote you Mch. 12th giving Bill to Mch. 23d but Florence thinks you never recd. the letter. I herewith restate the Bill & also give credit for $32. recd. Mch 16th.

Balance due Jan. 29th. per Bill rendered	25.40	
Board, 8 Weeks, from Jan. 29th to Mch. 24th @ 3.	24.	
Tuition, " " " "	2.	
Music, 15 Lessons @ 50c	7.50	58.90
Contra		
Cash, Recd. Mch. 16, 32		32.
Balance due Mch. 23d		$26.90

There are 12 weeks from Mch 23d to June 15th. If the Balance due is paid now & the further payments are made in advance (monthly), the Board & Tuition will be $\$\overset{3}{3}5\frac{75}{100}$.

If Board & tuition is not paid in advance the charges will be $\$1$. more per month & amount to $\$38\frac{75}{100}$. Music is charged for by the Lesson – 50 cents a lesson. Florence will probably take 20 Lessons during the Coming Term. Cost of Board, tuition & music for next Term will cost them $\$45\frac{75}{100}$ if paid in advance. See enclosed circular as to times for payments.

The $\$4\frac{75}{100}$. mentioned in your letter as being sent to us through the Bank has not been received.

Please send us at least the amount already due as we need it to help pay expenses.

Very Truly Yours,
A. K. Spence
Pr.

April 1 '2

Mr. R. N. Countee,
Brownsville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The Post Office Order, dated Mch 29th, for $16. is at hand and the amount duly credited to the a/c of Mary Burton.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence.

April 2d. 72

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro.-

Enclosed herewith please find Financial Statement for March; also "School" Report for March 72. There were only 16 teaching days last month, the last week being vacation week.

The 3d Term opened yesterday morning with an attendance of 154. There are 46 Students in the Boarding Department. The boarders and day Scholars are now more prompt in payment of money. More Tuition money was collected yesterday than on the first or any day last Term.

We have recd. from the Peabody Fund $800. which is placed on Special deposit to be drawn from as intended by the Com. giving the same. Hence the $800. does not appear in Financial Statement; but Amts. drawn from it from time to time and applied to Credit of Student boarders will appear in the future monthly Statements.

(2)

Our Coal, Coke and Wood Bills continue large, because of the continued cold weather. So late and cold a spring has not been known here for many year.

In a few days I hope to send a supplemental statement showing the receipts and disbursements for 2d Term, or 3 Months ending April 1st - a condensed statement giving facts which can not well be brought out in Monthly statements.

Very Truly Yours,
G. W. Hubbard.

April 2d 2

Rev. E. O. Tade,
Chattanooga Tenn.-

Dear Bro.-

Recd. at the hands of Mr. A. H. Burr $25., duly credited as follows: John B. Bell $5.- John E. Patton $10.- Jacob G. Hutchins $10. Thanks for the same.

We are glad Mr. Allen is better, but surpris to learn of the death of Caleb Newman. He returned here sick after his visit home during Holiday week. He recd. the best of care and was in good health at the time he left here as far as anyone knew. He left for home without informing any of the teachers he was going.

Your Truly,
A. K. Spence.
Pr.

April 2d 2

Rufe Lowell Esq.
Trigg Furnace, Ky.
Dear Sir:

Recd. yesterday from Mess. Hillman & Bros $20. and the amount is duly credited to the a/c of your son Nathan. Thanks for the $20. Hope you can send us more soon. Every little helps.

Very Truly Yours,
A. K. Spence.

April [illegible] 2

Messrs. Gavit & Co.
Engravers & Printers,
Albany. N.Y.
Gents:

We are intending to get out a new form of Diploma for the Normal Department. A form not very costly, nor extremely plain. Printed on paper not on parchment. Please send specimen copies, one of parchment, and prices.

We intend to send an order to some party very soon. Your specimens will receive attention. If we make a choice, and the price is satisfactory you shall have our order.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence, per H.

April 5th 2

N. D. Smith Esq.
Cashier. Memphis Tenn
Dear Sir:

Ck No 14421 for $11. is this day recd. and duly credited to the a/c of Maggie Canne.

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence.

April 5th 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro:—

Enclosed please find Draft for Thirty one (31) Dollars in payment for 50 Copies "Songs of Devotion";

The books arrived in damaged condition — not properly packed —

Very Truly Yours,

A. K. Spence

April 8th 2

Walter S. Welborn
Clinton, Miss.

Friend,

Yours of 2nd inst. was duly recd. No doubt you are better satisfied to be on the ground & look after your brothers & sisters as best you can.
I hope you will soon get a school & a good time so you will be able to return here next fall. It will be better for you to teach than to remain in the store. Miss. Wells will see that your sister Ida is provided for till the close of this 3rd term. So do not be in trouble on her account. — Mr. White was here last week from Tuesday till Sat. He will return with the troupe about the first of May. There is about $17000 now raised.
Please give me the full name of the Brother who was made the executor of the will of Mr. Welborn. Also please inform me of any written or printed notice to persons to present any claims against the Estate of Mr. Welborn. Do you think there will be any property left after the debts are paid?

Very truly yours
H. W. Hubbard

April 8th '2

Mr. John E. Patton,
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.

Friend:

We hear good reports from you and your school. Glad you are doing so well.
Since you left Rev. E. O. Tade has sent us $20, the amt. due you for work on church. The 20. has been duly credited to your a/c
Can you not send us some money soon? We are trying to collect all that is due us and hope you will pay what you can.
Mr. White was home last week from Tuesday till Saturday. He told us much concerning the singers. The troupe have already raised over $6000. for Jubilee Hall.
The new Term opens full. The teachers & students are well. Write soon.

Yours Truly
H. W. Hubbard

April 8th 2

Mr. Handle [illegible],
Glencoe City, Holmes Co. Miss.

Dear Sir,

Let me call attention to our a/c for the Board & Tuition of your daughters Laura & Emma

Board, 2 Girls each, Feb 24th April 1st @ $5 28.88
Tuition " " " —[illegible]— 34.88

Contra

Cash per H. Robinson, Feb 20th —— ~~[illegible]~~
Due April 1st $6.88

Our rules require that Board & Tuition be paid in advance. No student is permitted to continue in the Institution unless payment be made in advance or when due, except in special cases & that by agreement. It is necessary for us to keep this rule in order to carry on the work we have in hand. If you wish your daughters to remain & enjoy the benefits of this Institution you must send the necessary funds. They are well, & contented, and doing well in their studies.

Very truly Yours
A. K. Spence

April 8th. 2

Mr. Allen Fuquay.
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.,

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. White was handed to me. I am glad to know you are ready and have the money to pay the balance due $8.90 We have been looking for it and hoped you would have an opportunity to send before this. David Jones has not sent us any money this year. We need money. You can see Mr. Ousley or Mr. McDaniel and ask when they do.

Mr. White will be home in about 4 weeks. As soon as he gets time he will write you the news.
The School is full and doing well.

Very Truly Yours,
A. K. Spence

April 9th 2

Rev. Page Tyler Jr
Memphis Tenn
Dear Bro.

Yours of 6th inst enclosing ck for $11. is at hand, and the amt. duly credited to your a/c. Mr. White will be home about the 1st of May and you can arrange with him about the $22. I will only charge you $11. per month of 4 weeks. Including the $22. pd. to Mr White the present ck. will balance your a/c to April 23rd (8 mo of 4 weeks each).
I am obliged to you for directing attention to the payments made to Mr. White.
Thanks for your promptness in making payments.
I let John have Book-keeping Book & Blanks, price $1.25

Very truly Yours
A. K. Spence

April 11th 2

Mr John B. Robinson
P. O. Box 226 Memphis Tenn

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb. 12th saying you wished to pay the Bill you owed the Institution was duly ans. on Feb 16th. You must have recd. it. It was sent according to directions, and has not been returned to us. We have not heard from you since, nor recd. any money on your a/c. We would like the money due. If you can not pay the full amt. $36 25/100. send at once what you can. If the amt. is not what you expected it to be, please send copy of the receipts you hold and we will compare them with the amts. you credited as paying.

Very Truly Yours.
A. K. Spence
26.

April 11th 2

Mr. Wm. H. Murfee,
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir,

Let me call your attention to the $12. cash advanced to your Daughter Fruzanna to pay her fare to Memphis Mch 1st. Hope you can send us $12 00/100 soon, as it is necessary to collect what is due us. You can send it by Registered Letter through the Post Office –

Remember me to Fruzanna. Tell her all are well, and the School is as full as it was last Term.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence H.

April 10th 2.

Friend Hutchins—

Your letter of 16th ult. was duly rec'd.

Glad to know you are well and doing well in your studies. You wrote you intended to get a school the first of next month. So it may be you are now teaching. If teaching I hope you have a good school and will be able to collect pay for teaching so you can go to school again next year. Your debt here is growing less. I am glad of it on your account. Rev. Mr. Lane has sent $10. since I wrote you last making $25. in all that he has sent us. He wrote that he believed he had now paid all that was due you for work on the Church. These payments reduce your debt to $12.50.

We have as many students this as last Term. Matters are going pleasantly here.

Mr. White was home last week from Tuesday till Saturday. The Troupe are now in Mass. Over $7,000. now in Bank for "Jubilee Hall". The Troupe will return here about May 1st. Hope you will conclude to return to Fisk next Fall. If you know any sharp boys & girls that want to get an education encourage them to go to Fisk or to Atlanta.

Write me where you are & what you are doing.

Very truly yours
H. M. [illegible]

E. J. A. Hutchins
[illegible], Ga.

April 19th 2

Ernest Anderson,
321 Court St. Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Pupil:

At the request of Miss Morgan I enclose herewith a check for $\$41\frac{23}{100}$. The same being the amt. paid by a friend and standing to your credit.

Hope you will soon regain your health.

Very truly Yours,
H. W. Hubbard for
A.K. Spence

April 22d 2

Rev. Page Tyler
42 Beal St. Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Yours containing Ck. for $\$14\frac{20}{100}$ is at hand. Eleven ($\$11\frac{00}{100}$) Dollars is Credited to Johns a/c - the remainder handed to John to pay for books &c.

I take it you are intending to be here at General Conference next month. If so be free to make Fisk University one of your stopping places while in the city.

Very Truly Yours
A.K. Spence Tr.

April 22d 2

Mr. John B. Robinson,
Lock Box 226, Memphis Tenn. -

Dear Sir

Yours of 17th inst. also Express package containing $5/00. duly recd. to day, and the amt. is credited on your a/c.

Thanks. - Hope you can send the balance soon & oblige

Yours Truly,
A. K. Spence

May [illegible] 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Brother:

Enclosed herewith please find Financial Statement for April - Also Monthly School Report for April.

Very Truly Yours.

H. W. Hubbard.

To Field Sec. A.M.A.
59 Reade St. N.Y.

May 3d 2

R. N. Countee Esq.
Brownsville, Tenn.
Dear Sir.

Yours of 24th inst. recd to-day and the enclosed P.O. order for [illegible] is duly credited to the a/c of Miss Mary E. Burton.

I send herewith, at your request, the a/c of Miss Mary to June 20th/82 the close of our school year. The cash paid to her has been used to buy necessary clothing &c. Due June 20th per Bill $30.58.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence
[illegible]

May 8 2

N. D. Smith Esq.
Cash. Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your of 6th inclosing ck No 1502 for $8 00/100. is at hand, and the Amt. duly credited to a/c Louisa Mc[illegible]ill.

Very truly yours
A. K. Spence
Treas.

May 8 [illegible] 2

Mrs. Mary F. [illegible]
[illegible] Jefferson St. Memphis Tenn.
Dear Madam:

Received to-day through the Bank $[illegible] to apply on a/c of Louisa McGill. Thank you for this timely little help.

Very Truly Yours,
A. K. Spence
per [illegible]

May 10th 2

Mr. Randle Hinds.
Care of Miss. Brown & Galloway. [illegible], Miss.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 26th ult. inclosing 50. came duly to hand ~~[illegible]~~. Thanks for the money. I give below a Statement of your account.

	Cr.		
By Cash Feb. 24 [illegible] W. Robinson		20.	
" May [illegible]		50.	70.
	Dr.		
To Board of Daughters [illegible] 16 [illegible]		28.88	
Tuition " " "		6.	
Board " " " " Apl 16 to May 20th part [illegible]		7.50	
Tuition " " " " "		4.	[illegible]
Cr. to May 20th			62

The above a/c is made out to May 20th. Balance in your favor 62 cents. Hope you can send more money soon. Payment should be made in advance.

Your daughters are contented and doing well in their studies.

The school year closes June 20th. Your bill to this date will be

Board 4½ Weeks Each. May 20 to June 20 @ 5^{50}	24.75
Tuition " " " "	2.
	26.75
Less	.62
	26.13

There will be no summer term and our Institution will be closed. I inform you now that you may write for your daughter to come home or for us to find a good boarding place for them during the summer. One of our advanced scholars will teach a school here during the summer. Gabriel Bulley & sister of Pat Anderson and probably other students from Miss. will prefer to remain in Nashville ~~till~~ all summer and enter our school again next Fall Sept. 24. 72. After two or three years experience our teachers find they are not able to remain here and teach during the summer. They need the summer to rest and get ready for the next school year.

Let me hear from you soon.

Very Truly Yours
A. K. Spence
Principal

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May 17 2

Mrs. Ellen Carnes
212 Jefferson St. Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Let me call attention to your daughter Maggie's account to the close of this Term.

To Balance reported in Letter Mch 12th	37.	
1 Geography	1.50	
Cash	2.50	
Board 11½ Weeks Mch. 25 to June 14th @ 3.	34.50	
Tuition 3rd Term	2.50	
Music 18 Lessons @ 50c	9	87.
Contra		
By Cash Mch. 16th	5.	
" April 5th	11.	16.
Balance due June 14th		$71.

The Term closes a week earlier than last year, the Institution opens a week earlier next Fall. I write you now that you may send us money as you can. Expect you can pay in full by the close of the term, as we must balance a/c with our students and pay our Bills. Yours truly G. W. Hubbard Asst. Treasurer.

May 17 2

Mrs. Hilda Maxwell
583 Shelby St. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam:

A letter was written you the last of March stating Florence's account to Mch. 24th. Also the expense was given to the close of the Term. We have shortened the Term one week and close June 18th instead of June 19th. The expense will be

Balance due Mch. 24th	26.90
Board 11½ weeks, Mch 24 to June 18 @ 3.	34.50
Tuition – 3rd Term	2.50
Music 19 Lessons @ 50c	9.50
1 Geography	1.50
Balance due June 18th	$74.90

You have not sent us any money for this Term. We need the money to pay our bills. We wish to balance every account at the close of this Term. Please answer this soon.

Yours Truly
H. W. Hubbard Asst. Treasurer

May 18th 2

N. D. Smith Esq.
Cashier, Memphis, Tenn—
Dear Sir:

Recd. this day ck 1524 for $5 00/100 and the same is duly credited to the a/c of Miss Maggie Barnes.
Please hereafter send cks to my order.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard.
Acct. Treasurer.

May 18th 2

Mr. John McDaniel
Glencoe Miss.

Dear Sir,

Let me call your attention to the account of your son John—

Balance due on last year	77.20	
Board, 5 1/7 weeks, Feb. 24 to April 1 @ 2^{80}	14.44	
Tuition 4 weeks, 2d Term	2.	
Cash	2.	
Board 10½ weeks, Apl 1 to May 14th @ 2^{80}	28.88	
Tuition, 3d Term	2.50	127.02
Cr.—		
Cash, Nov. 3, 1871	40.	
Cash, per W. Robinson Feb. 24th 72	30.	
Cash per son John	21.	91.
Balance due—		$36.02

We shall not have a Summer school and our Institution will be closed from June 14th till about Sept. 1st. Would you like to have John come home or board in a good place in the City and attend a school taught by one of our students?

We find it necessary to close the Institution for the Summer and give all the teachers a vacation.

Please send by registered letter through the Postoffice the amount due us, $36.02

We wish to balance all our accounts at the close of this school year.

John is well and getting along well in his studies.

Gabriel Burley & several students from Fort Anderson are here studying.

Very Truly Yours

G. W. Hubbard

Asst. Treasurer.

May 18th 2

Mrs. Ellen Conner.
312 Jefferson St. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Received this day through the Bank at Memphis a check for $15. which is duly credited to the account of your daughter Maggie.

I sent you yesterday a statement of Maggie's account to the close of this term. The amount now due is $71. less $15. $56. Thanks for the $15. Hope you can send more soon.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard.
Asst. Treasurer.

May 21 2

Walter S. Welborn Esq.
Clinton Miss.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 18th inst. inclosing $2. is at hand, and the amount duly credited. You are excusable for not sending it before. I have no doubt you are doing the best you can, and I think well of you.

It is a little strange that there seems to be no person active in settling up the estate of Jo H. Welborn. I hope you will keep a sharp look out, and let me know when anything is done in the matter. Can you not give me the name of a reliable lawyer in Clinton or some City near?

The Jubilee Singers were here week before last. They are now making a western trip.

The Teachers are well. The Students are busy preparing for examinations.

With kind regards I am Yours Truly
G. W. Hubbard

May 21 2

Walter L. Welborn Esq.
Clinton Miss.
Dear Sir,

Yours of 18th inst inclosing $12. is at hand, and the amount duly credited. You are excusable for not sending it before. I have no doubt you are doing the best you can, and I think well of you.

It is a little strange that there seems to be no person active in settling up the estate of J. H. Welborn. I hope you will keep a sharp look out, and let me know when anything is done in the matter. Can you not give me the name of a reliable lawyer in Clinton or some City near?

The Jubilee Singers were here week before last. They are now making a western trip.

The Teachers are well. The Students are busy preparing for examinations.

With kind regards I am
Yours Truly
G. W. Hubbard

May 22d 2

Miss Lizzie Black,
Selma, Ala.

Dear Pupil:

The enclosed letter with post office money order for $23. came to hand this morning. I retain the money order and apply it on your account as you request.

If you will write to Miss Wells the name of some lady who knows about your mother pictures and things we will find the lady and have the articles packed and sent by Express.

Yours Truly
H. W. Hubbard
Asst. Treasurer.

May 27 2

Rev. Page Tyler,
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Bro.

Your letter to Prof. Spence enclosing ck for $11. came to hand Saturday eve. In a former letter you mentioned as having paid Mr. White in Sept $11. & in Oct $11. and hold the receipts. The books do not show such payments. Please send the receipts for these months and I will give you credit. In the absence of these credits you have been charged $3. per week instead of [illegible] for 28 weeks making an over charge of $7. On receiving the receipts I will give you credit for them & for the $7. There will then be a Balance in your favor of $1.32. which can be paid to John or be Credited on a/c for next year. Please Answer.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard
Act Treas.

May 28 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro. -

Mr. White is about offering his horse, harness & carriage to the public for sale, Price $350. The price of the horse is $200. A better horse for our use we can not be bought here for the price named. The carriage is not such as I would select but is probably worth $50. We can not get along next year without a horse or expensive hack hire. My judgment is purchase the horse - rather carriage & harness if Mr. W. will not separate them. Please inform me at once whether to make the purchase.

Very truly yours,

[illegible] Hubbard.

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May 28 2

John McDaniel or
Dick Burns, Glencoe Miss.

Gents:

The $10.00 sent to John was recd. last Saturday. $6.02 is duly credited & balances John's a/c to June 14th the close of this Sc. Term. Thanks for the needed money. It will be necessary soon to send money to pay for Johns boarding and schooling this summer. We have about concluded to keep a summer School. Payment must be made in advance or we can not be responsible.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard,
Asst. Treasurer.

May 28 2

John McDaniel or
Dick Burns, Glencoe Miss.
Gents:

The $50.00 sent to John was rec'd. last Saturday. $36 92/100 is duly credited & balances John's a/c to June 14th the close of this S. Term. Thanks for the needed money. It will be necessary soon to send money to pay for Johns boarding and schooling this summer. We have about concluded to keep a summer school. Payment must be made in advance or we can not be responsible.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard,
Asst. Treasurer.

May 28th 2

Mr. Randle Hinde
Care of Mess. Bowen & Galloway, [illegible] Miss.

Dear Sir:

Recd. last Saturday $26 40/100 to balance a/c of Daughters to June 20th. Draft

As there are several students who came here expecting to attend a Summer School, we have about concluded to open a Summer school and keep open the Boarding Department. Please send us at once $30. to apply on board & tuition for Summer Term.

We will prohibit Laura from Corresponding with Andrew Brown. The girls are well.

Very Truly Yours
G. W. Hubbard
Asst. Treas.

June 1 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro—

Enclosed please find Financial Statement and "School" Report, for May.
The Balance in Statement is much reduced this by taking up Institution Note given Dec 26th 70 for $\$72^{32}$. Int. 6^{50}. Pd. Hawes for work last year $\$19^{25}$. Pd. Express on Box for Green Evans $\$5^{25}$. These items pd at the request of Mr. White. In regard to Green Evans a/c $\$97^{25}$ Mr. W. said when here last week, that if Evans continued with the Troupe & behaved himself he would give him the Amt. due on the a/c.
I have paid the Bill for printing Catalogues $\$55$.
Also paid Laundry & Kitchen help to June 15th.
We are looking with interest to know what action the Senate will take concerning Ft. Houston Property.

Yours Truly
H. C. Hubbard.

June 4 2.

Mr. John E. Patton.
Glencoe, Miss.
Dear Pupil:

Please send us $50. at once to apply on your a/c. We are in need of money & wish to settle every account at the close of this school year June 13th.

By this time you have earned enough by teaching to warrant the Directors in advancing at least $50.

Send money by Registered Letter. All are well.

Yours truly
E. W. Hubbard

I mail you a Catalogue. Have you not some very sharp scholars to send to Fisk?

June 4 2.

Mrs. Mary Fletchall.
312 Jefferson St. Memphis Tenn.
Dear Madam:

I send you by mail to-day our Catalogue just issued. You will see under Expenses that our terms are reduced $1. per month for Board. The present term closes June 13th. I then have to report all the unbalanced accounts to New York. If it would be convenient for you to pay the Bal. 9^{25} by June 13th. it would please me as I do not wish to report Louisa's name to N.Y. I hope Louisa can return next Fall.

Very truly Yours
E. W. Hubbard
Acct.

June 4 2

Mr. Wm. H. Murfree.
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir:

I send you by mail to-day a catalogue of our Institution, just issued.

This school year closes the 13th of this month. We desire to collect all that is due us an balance all accounts.

Please send me by Registered Letter &c. The amount advanced to your Daughter [illegible] to pay her fare to Memphis.

Very truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard
Acct Treas.

June 11 2

Mr. Aaron Maxwell,–
563 Shelby St. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Prof. Spence wishes me to reply to your letter recd. this a.m. On May 17th I enclosed a statement of Florence account showing $74.90 to be due June 14th. I send herewith an itemized statement.

I do hope you can send us the money this week. We want to pay every Bill and need it [illegible]. We have been depending on this money from you.

The Books show a balance on last year of $25. If you have paid any part of this send the receipt.

Prof. Spence goes north [illegible]. His youngest child died yesterday.

Yours truly
H. W. Hubbard
Acct Treas.

June 12 2.

James M. Young
Horse Lake, Miss.
Dear Pupil-

Recd. to-day Ex. Pkg. containing $9.25 & letter-Thanks. I pd. 25c charges & Balance your a/c $9.00.

I am very glad you have such a good number in night Schools and receive $30. per month for day School. I hope you can be on hand at the opening of the Fall Term.

This is Anniversary week & I enclose Order of Examination &c.

I shall always be glad to learn of your success.

Yours truly
H. W. Hubbard

June 11 2

John B. Robinson
Box 226 Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Recd. to-day Express Money package containing $10.- Pd. charges 25c & your account is Credited with $9.75. Amount still due $1.50.

Prof. Spence & family are north with the remains of their daughter Gracie who died Tuesday morning.

Very truly yours
H. W. Hubbard
Asst. Treas.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. FISK UNIV.

June 14 2

R. H. Counter Esq.
Brownsville Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 12th inst. directed to R.A. Spence & enclosing P.O. Order for $\$13\frac{85}{100}$ is at hand. Please find herewith a receipt in full to date for Board, Washing &c of Miss Mary E. Burton – Miss Mary returned to Memphis at 3 o'clock this a.m. Hope she can return [illegible] next Fall.

Very truly Yours
G. W. Hubbard
Asst. Treas.

June 14 2.

Mrs Martha Bracken.
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The Express Pkg. of $\$40$. to Florence is duly recd. and the Amt. credited. I advanced Florence $\$6\frac{42}{100}$ & pd. Hack Fare to Depot 50c. I enclose herewith $\$1\frac{85}{100}$. the amount over what is charged in the account. Please account is balanced. Thank for your kindness.

Hope Florence can return next September.

Yours truly
G. W. Hubbard
Asst. Treas.

10c taken out for Money Order.

Fisk University
Nashville Tenn June 17, 1872

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
Dear Bro.-

I enclose herewith Financial Statement for June from 1st to 18th/72, also Statement showing the amt. due & the amt. owed as far as I know - also Statement of accounts of doubtful value. Some of the accounts considered as a resource may not prove of par value. I also enclose [illegible] accounts of Jubilee Singers and of Mr. White. I did not receive the desired information concerning the accounts of Students of former year. Mr. White was not able to give attention to these matters. He did settle one matter of indebtedness - Crowley for wood 23.00 I have settled two accounts since. Do not know of any old indebtedness except Bal. of Meat Bill for last year still unpaid [illegible]

I have opened a set of books simple in Character for Miss Metzoni's use. I balanced the majority of Misc. Students, and placed the amt. $18.75 advanced for Summer term in general fund again making amt. now on deposit 187.58 + 20.00 [illegible]

All the teachers going North have left except Miss Wells & myself. I start this evening on a trip to Atlanta. return here Saturday and start North the following Monday.

Yours Truly
H. M. Hubbard.

June 22 2

Geo. L. White Esq
Dear Bro.—
Please find enclosed herewith agreement between Calvin & Collins Pickett and yourself recd at the house of Rev. H. S. Bennett. A copy has been sent to Calvin Pickett

Yours Truly
H. W. Hubbard.

June 22.

Rev. E. O. Tade

Arrived here safely. I enclose herewith a Note given by J. B. Bell in hands of Geo. L. White. Mr. White handed it to me a short time since. I send it to you to give to some relative of Mr. Bell. Mr. Bell's account shows an indebtedness of $36. Perhaps you can collect this Amt. for us by looking after the Note. We will pay you for any trouble you may be to.

Many thanks for your kindness during visit.

Yours truly
G. W. Hubbard

Oct. 9th 2

Geo. L. White Esq.
Dear Bro.—

Did you or Miss Sently arrange with Mrs. Nancy Brown & sons as to the nature & the price to be paid for services for their last school year, commencing Sept. 1871? An immediate answer is desired.

Good health & success to you all.

Very Truly Yours
H. H. Hubbard

Oct 9 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
Dear Bro.—

The pressure of other duties & sickness are the reasons for not forwarding earlier the enclosed Reports for Summer term, & for Sept. 1872. To the Family Expenses for the Summer should be added the following amts. not paid within dates of Statement. Due C. Powers for Meat for Summer term $65.00. Due for Fruit Cans $2.— The bill for fruit cans is not yet paid.

We commenced the month with $8.00 & closed with $24.00 on hand. The amt. recd on Tuition a/c is unusually large, but is the result of offering a slight reduction when payment is made in advance for the term. The amt. thus recd is more to us than the loss by the reduction.

We have 44 Boarders (18 girls 26 boys). Many of them come without money, or only enough to pay for one month. They are not able at present to collect the amt. due from Districts where they have been teaching. We are carrying them but it is going to push us hard to meet our expenses at present. The winter supply of Coal & Coke should be paid for soon.

The contingencies are such it can not be stated on which side the balance will be at the close of Oct. We shall do the best we can towards meeting expenses.

There are 241 scholars now in attendance. 74 of this number are in the Higher Grades. The Primary & Intermediate Departments are over full.

Very Truly Yours,
G. W. Hubbard.

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Very Truly Yours,
H. W. Hubbard.

Oct 10th 2

Randle Hinds Esq.
" Mess Bowen & Galloway,
Glencoe Miss.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 23d to Prof. Spence
was duly recd. & the enclosed $30. duly credited
to your account. In the letter you stated that by
Aug. 1st you would send the bal. due to that
date. We have recd. no money from you since.
Your a/c shows a balance due Sept. 2d of $41.13.
From Sept. 2d to 30th 4 weeks each Board @ 2.25 22
" " " " Tuition 2 24.
" " 30th " to ~~Sept.~~ Oct 28 " Board @ 2.25 22.
" Tuition 2 24. $89.13

Board is $2.25 per week when not paid in advance. See
Catalogue. Had we not been expecting money or
sickness prevented our writing we should
have called on you before now. You know
our terms. We can not keep your daughters
in our Institution unless their expenses are
promptly paid. Let me hear from you at once.
Laura & Emma are well & doing well in their studies.
Very truly yours H. W. Hubbard

Oct. 10 2.

Mr. John McDaniels,
Care of T. H. Moore Esq. Glencoe P. O. Miss.

Dear Sir,

Of the \$36.00 sent us on June 28th, \$8.00 was paid out for clothing &c for sa. John leaving a balance still due us of \$7.00 on Sept. 2d – Due on Board for 4 weeks from Sept. 3d \$11. Tuition 1. & for this month from Sept 30th to Oct. 28th 4 weeks Board \$11. Tuition 1., making the total amount due Oct. 28th 31.00. When Board is not paid in advance we charge 25c more per week making the cost \$1. more per month. See Catalogue. It takes so long for money to get from Glencoe here if sent by registered letter I suggest that besides the amt. due Oct. 28th you send, if you can, enough to pay for two or three months in advance. It would be cheaper for you & more satisfactory to us.

John is doing very well & we think you will be pleased at the progress he is making in his studies. Very Truly Yours H. W. Hubbard.

Oct 15 2

Mr. John Lovey

This is the day on which you were to pay Tuition due on Children for last year $\$16\frac{40}{100}$, & 30 days had passed since you agreed to pay the tuition for the month of Sept. \$3. Oct. tuition was due Sept 30th. Enclosed are bills for last year & the, for Sept & to Oct. 28th = total 22^{40}

We must enforce the rule. Your Children will not be allowed to attend tomorrow or until the amt. due is paid.

Very truly Yours

H. [illegible]

Asst. Treas.

Oct. 15 2

Rev. E. O. Tade
Chattanooga Tenn
Dear Bro.

Yours of 14th inst. also enclosing P. O. Order for $6. to Credit of Lulu Carroll is at hand. The letter of 1st inst. was duly recd, but no P. O. Order. Its answer has been delayed until definite arrangements could be made in regard to Cornelia Hill. Until you hear to the Contrary Prof. Spence will see that half her expenses for Board & tuition are paid here.

Hope the schools will open with a good attendance. We are crowded — have not enough room for Intermediate & Preparatory scholars. We have over 240 scholars — 76 are in the higher grades of study. 47 in Boarding Dept.

Did you not receive from me last June a note of John B. [illegible] against some person in your section? It was left with Prof. [illegible] on deposit. What has become of it?

Kind regards to self & wife

Yours Truly
G. W. Hubbard

Rev. E. M. Cravath. Oct. 17th 2

Dear Bro

Yours of 12th inst. ack. recpt. of Reports & enclosing Dft. of 55. for Rev. H. S. Bennett on a/c Old indebtedness, Jubilee expense, is at hand. We are working to fill Boarding Department. You know the history of this Dept. You also know what cold cheerless rooms the boarders occupy. Last year there was suffering in mind & body by all boarding on these grounds. We trust there will be less suffering this year. Before I went north Miss Gantley & I took a look through the lodging rooms for young men & decided on repairs. These repairs were made during summer. Since my return the school rooms have been repaired, & the stove pipes & chimneys cleaned out. The Dormitory furnace has also been put in repair. In trying to solve the question how to make the dormitory comfortable (in cold weather) I took a look from cellar to garret. I never was on 4th floor or garret before. If you remember the stair cases are open. I at once saw that the garret

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the open stairway received the greater portion of the heat from the furnace — that the whole garret was well warmed, but the first story was too cold for comfort. I have had the stairway to garret enclosed. The saving of coal will more than pay for this expense. The repairs in Dormitory & School rooms will at least help to keep indoors the heat received from stoves & furnace. The heater you sent last fall did not have a fair trial last winter.

From estimates made now the balance will be about $100. against Fisk U. This amt. does not include bill for Cans &c., or Coke & Coal bills. These will not be very large just now. I have arranged to have coal delivered as ordered & to pay by the month. I secured same rates as though the coal was all delivered at once & we advanced the whole amt. for yearly supply. Shall always keep one months supply on hand. ~~enough to~~ If certain students receive the money promised this month, & if others pay amts. due before Sept 2d. as they promise to do, the balance on Nov. 1st. will be in favor of Fisk. The bills for Sept. were all paid, save perhaps about $25. of bills not being reported before Oct 1st. We pay as we go.

Very truly yours
H. H. Hubbard

Oct. 18th —

Richard Guthrie
Scott's Hill, Henderson Co. Tenn.
Dear Pupil —

Yours of June 6th enclosing $20. was duly rec'd. here. In my absence I suppose Miss H. Matson acknowledged the receipt of the money. Then you wrote you were about to commence teaching a school. Are you now teaching, or getting ready to return to Fisk? I hope we shall see you here soon. You are probably able now to send the balance due on your account $\$84\frac{28}{100}$. We have been to considerable expense this last summer to make all the rooms more comfortable. We are in need of the money due. It will help to pay these expenses.

We have a much larger attendance than last year. The rooms Miss Burr & Miss Day taught in are crowded. We have over 240 pupils, there are already 48 in boarding department. Prof. Spence & wife & all the teachers are well. Write soon,

Yours Truly
H. S. Hubbard.

Oct. 18th 2

Mrs. Ellen Carnes,
812 Jefferson St. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Since you were here in Sept. we have been looking for further payments on a/c for Maggie's Board, Tuition & music. On last year a/c there is still a balance due of $1.50

On this year a/c Board. 8 weeks to Oct. 28th @ $2.75 22.
Tuition 8 " " " @ 2.50
Music 6 Lessons " " @ 50c 3.
$[illegible]2.

There will be due $26. on Oct. 28th, We require of every person that they pay in advance at the end of every four weeks. Our prices are extremely low and we must be paid as the amounts become due. Our expenses are very large, we must collect as fast as they become due to get money to help pay our debts. If you can not afford to keep Maggie here it would be better for you to take her home. Maggie is doing well in her studies and we think you can afford to have her remain.

Very Truly yours
H. S. Bennett

Oct. 18

Miss Florence Maxwell,
Memphis Tenn. –

Dear Pupil;

I suppose Maggie Carnes or others from Memphis write you what a large attendance we have this year, and tell you many matters of interest; so I will write about your account, a matter of interest which I do not like to speak of. Your father wrote me last June that before the close of the term he would send all that was due, namely $75.00. Not one cent has yet been received. Is your father able to pay? Did you earn any money this last vacation? I certainly expected the money would be paid last June. We need the money very much. If your people can not pay it all at once, can [illegible] not now send $50. or even $25. to help pay Fisk University debts?

All the teachers would like very much to [illegible] return here again. When your people [illegible] due we hope you will return.

Very truly Yours
G. W. Hubbard

Oct. 18th 2

Wm. H. Murfree
Glencoe Miss.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you June 4th concerning the balance due Fisk University $2. Cash advanced at your request to pay the expenses of your daughter Frozanna from here to Memphis. You must have recd. my letter as it was never returned to me. Please let me hear from you & send the $2. due.

The attendance this year is very large. We have over 240 scholars.

Prof. Spence & wife are well & send regards to yourself & Frozanna. Accept my regards.

Yours Truly
H. H. Hubbard.

Oct. 18th 2

Mrs. Mary Mitchell
312 Jefferson St. Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Madam—

Allow me to call attention to balance due on Louisa's a/c for last year $\$9\frac{25}{100}$. You will remember we advanced the cash $\$17\frac{85}{100}$ for Louisa to go home at the time you were so sick (Jan. 20th). This $\$9\frac{25}{100}$ is part of the cash we advanced then. We expected you would [illegible] soon to pay the whole account. I [illegible] you last June hoping to hear from you about that money, but recd. no answer. We seek to accommodate all, so far as it is in our power. The amt. we charge students for board, tuition &c. is far less than it costs us to carry on this Institution. We advance money to students when necessary & they have not time to hear from home before starting home. We advance money for necessary clothing & wait till student can hear from home. Of course, we expect the money returned in every case. — We hope to see Louisa here again this year. Very truly yours.

G. W. Hubbard

Oct. 21 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
Dear Bro.—

Concerning Coke & Coal it is necessary to keep on hand about #100. worth of each. In cold, or stormy, weather we could not secure sufficient of either to meet immediate demands. We have not the money here to make this advance. Please send by return mail #200. & oblige

Yours Truly
H. W. Hubbard

Oct. 22 2

Rev. E. O. Tade

Dear Bro—

Yours of yesterday enclosing $6 for Lulu Carrol is at hand. the receipt is given to Lulu. Thanks to her mother, & to you for any attention you can give to this matter. Everything is working well with us.

Very truly yours

H. W. Hubbard.

Oct. 24 2.

Mr. H. M. Carter,
Selma Ala.
Dear Bro.

Enclosed herewith please
find bill of lading for stove & stove furni
ture shipped this day per order of Rev.
E.M. Cravath. You will find the cover
&c of the top in the barrel. the screws that
hold the tin oven, and the bolt holding
the top cross plate in place are in ash
pan in front & lower part of stove.
You should receive these articles by monday
morning. Please inform me when they
arrive & their condition when recd.
All the workers here are well. We have an
attendance of over 240. Regards to all.
Most Truly Yours
H. C. Hubbard

Oct. 24 2–

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro.–

Your letter duly recd. the stove with furniture carefully paked shipped to-day to H. H. Carter, Selma Ala.

Most Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard.

Oct. 28th 2.

Mr. Turner Hunt,
Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 22d inst. is at hand. Last June at close of school year I gave to your sons a full statement of this account. It showed a balance due Fisk University of \$12.25. When Blair returned this fall I asked if the \$10. he paid me was to be applied on bal. due. He said that Fred. would bring \$2.25 when he came. I asked Fred. for \$12.25. The bal. due on last year still stands. I have not asked them to pay for charges made this year. The \$30. already sent has been credited on a/c for this year. Every patron of this Institution is asked to pay the balance due for last year. Our rule is not to trust beyond 30 days. You have been prompt in your payments with this exception.

You are a true friend of this Institution and have patronized it from the first. Your sons are doing well & we are glad to have them here.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard.

Oct. 26   2

Miss Carrie M. Blood,
Chattanooga Tenn.

Just recd. yours of 24th inst. enclosing P.O. Order for $7.[illegible] & a Promissory Note of R. B. Hunt for 20.00 payable 3 mos from Oct 1st all to be credited to the account of Cornelia Hill. Enclosed please find the receipts for same. Thanks for interest taken by you.

Yours Truly

H. W. Hubbard

November 1st 2

Rev. E. M. Cravath.

Dear Bro.—

Enclosed please find Statement for Oct. The \$200. rec'd this week is ack. in Statement. \$176. is already pd. out for school. The bill for fruit jars &c was $\$7^{40}$ instead of \$62. — The indebtedness to Mr. Brown is in part (\$28.) a further paymt. on last year because of a misunderstanding, & in part (\$10.) for labor of son John a year ago last summer per agreemt. with Mr. White. — The amt. pd. Student workers is what was due them Sept. 2nd. On June 16th Fisk U. owed students $\$28^{20}$. On Sept. 2nd it owed $\$97^{39}$ or 69.19 more than on June 16th. This amt. was all expended during summer. We are paying it back in cash, board & tuition. This indebtedness together with slow payments from school districts & the delay till returns from cotton crop will keep us on a close margin just now. But we will not have many more heavy outside expenses, as repairs, indebtedness to students &c. The balance this mo. is against Fisk U., yet the amt. rec'd on Boarding a/c, & Tuition a/c is encouraging. We have 50 boarder students now. Last year this date the no. was 38. The day scholars number about 200. We could have many more had we the room & teachers for them. What rule have you concerning payment of Drs bill against Teachers? We have pd & report a Drs bill of \$35. for Sept. & Oct. — — The new piano is here & will be unpacked to-morrow. Very truly yours H. S. Hubbard.

Nov. 4th 2

Mrs. Martha Bracken,
188 Second St. Memphis Tenn.
Dear Madam,

The money pkg. to Florence containing $14.00 came to hand to-day. The $13.00 is credited on Florence's a/c. She has a bill or statement of her a/c. She was here just six weeks. Amt. 16.22. We paid for trunk lock 35 cts. her fare to Memphis $11.80. We were sorry that Florence could not remain, but her health was such it seemed best for her to return home. We shall look for the money due on her a/c. With kind regards,

Yours Truly,
H. B. Hubbard

Nov. 11th 2

Mr. Randle Hinds
Glencoe, Miss.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 15th ult. enclosing $40. came duly to hand. In my last was a statement of your account showing a debt of $89 13/00. to Oct. 28th

Amt. due Oct. 28th	89.13
Credited Nov. 9th	40.
Still due Oct 28th	$49.13
Board, from Oct. 28 to Nov. 25th	22.
Tuition " "	2.
Amt. due Nov. 25th	$73.13

As you request to be informed always beforehand so you can make the payments without being dunned, we give the above statement, expecting you will forward to us, before Nov. 25th, the Amt. then due.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard

Nov. 14th 2

R. N. Counter Esq.
Brownsville Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 12th inst. to Prof. Spence enclosing $5.00 is recd. and the amt. duly credited to the a/c Miss Mary E. Burton.

Yours truly
G. W. Hubbard.

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Nov. 15th 2

Mr. Chas. Summerville,
Brownsville, Tenn.

Dear Sir,

Your son James says you wish to be notified when board & tuition is due or when the four weeks expires. Your son came Oct 15th & paid $15. We have charged 4 weeks board $10. Tuition 4 weeks $2. Cash for books & necessary articles $2.35 Balance in your favor Nov. 12th $.65 — There is due for 4 weeks board & tuition from Nov 12th $11. We require board & tuition paid monthly 4 weeks, in advance. If board should not be paid till the end of 4 weeks & also the tuition the charge will be $12. There are necessary expenses for paper, envelopes, books &c. during every month. James is doing well in his studies & deportment.

Very Truly Yours,

H. W. Hubbard.

Nov. 18th 2

Hon. Z. Eastman,
Elgin, Kane Co. Ill.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 10th inst. enclosing P.O. Order for $17., the proceeds of a Lecture delivered by you, is at hand and the amt. duly credited to the account of Wm. R. Henderson. Many thanks for the same. All sums forwarded by you will be duly credited, and also fully appreciated by William.

Very truly yours
H. W. Hubbard

Nov. 18th 2.

Mr. Turner Hunt,
444 So. Lauderdale St. Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir

Had there been a good opportunity when you were here I would like to have made inquiry concerning a number of Memphis students who are owing Fisk University. I send you herewith the names and the amt. due according to the accounts kept by Mr. White. If you can collect from these persons you would do the University good service & we will pay you for your trouble. These students, except Toluna Robinson & Florence Maxwell were not here at all last year. They have been earning money, more or less, and it is but right that they should be required to pay. Florence Maxwell's father promised last Spring he would pay the last cent due by the close of summer term or we would not have allowed her to make such a large debt. There may be some who are not able to pay all they owe but they can now pay something. Our Institution must not suffer for want of this money due. Let me know what the prospect is of collecting this money.

Yours truly
G. W. Hubbard

Nov 18th [illegible]2.

John E. Patton Esq.
Glencoe, Miss.—

Dear Pupil,

If you knew how much Fisk University needed the money due it, you would excuse me for again calling your attention to the balance due on your account $67.75. You must have received the letter written June 4th. If not, it would be returned according to printed instructions on the envelope. I have not heard from you since you went to Glencoe March 1st. We learn you receive good wages for teaching & that the District will pay every cent due you. We expect you to refund to the University the money it has expended to prepare you for the position and the wages you now have. This Institution helped you and was willing to trust you till you could earn the money to pay. You know, whether or not, you have earned money enough to pay this debt.

We wish you health and prosperity. Write very soon.

Yours Truly
H. H. Hubbard

Nov 11th 2.

John E. Patton Esq.
Glencoe, Miss.—
Dear Pupil,

If you knew how much Fisk University needed the money due it, you would excuse me for again calling your attention to the balance due on your account 6 25/100. You must have recd the letter written June 4th. If not, it would have been returned according to printed instructions on the envelope. I have not heard from you since you went to Glencoe March 1st. We learn you receive good wages for teaching & that the District will pay every cent due you. We expect you to refund to the University the money it has expended to prepare you for the position and the wages you now have. This Institution helped you and was willing to trust you till you could earn the money to pay. You know, whether or not, you have earned money enough to pay this debt.

We wish you health and prosperity. Write very soon.

Yours Truly
H. W. Hubbard —

Nov. 19th 2

Rev. E. O. Tade,
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Dear Bro.

Yours of yesterday containing P. O. Order for $5. is at hand & the amt. is duly credited to the account of Lulu Carroll. Rev. E. M. Cravath arrived here this morning. He will start for New York Thursday. Mr Spence is here and the matter of Jubilee building &c. is under consideration.

Yours Truly
H. H. Hubbard

Nov. 19th 2.

Randle Hinde Esq.
Glencoe. Bolivar Co. Miss.
Dear Sir,

Yours of the 5th inst. enclosing $40. came to hand yesterday. thanks for the same.

I wrote you the 11th. giving statement of a/c to Nov. 26th. showing a balance due of 93.13
Your account is credited with the amt. recd. 40.
and the balance is reduced to $ 33.13
It will be according to our rule and a great help to us to have the payment made in advance.
Laura & Emma are very well.

Yours Truly
G. W. Hubbard

Nov. 21st 2

Mr. Chas. Summerville,
Brownsville, Tenn.
Dear Sir,

Yours of 19th inst. enclosing $91 85/100 balance due Nov 1st for Board & Tuition &c of your son James came duly to hand and the amt. is duly credited.

Very Truly Yours
J. H. Hubbard
Act. Treas.

Nov. 21st 2

P. B. Barton Esq.
Athens Ala.

Dear Sir:

Given herewith please find statement of your a/c with Fisk University.

Dr.	
To Board Summer Term (1871). 11 Weeks @ 2.75	30.25
Tuition	2.50
	32.75
Cr.	
By Cash (Aug. 19, 1872)	24.
Balance due	$ 8.75

Please remit $8.75 or write me.

Very truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard

Nov. 21st 2

Mr. Rufe Scott.
Empire Iron Works
Dear Sir

Let me call your attention to the balance still due for his education of Nathan Scott— The last payment recd from you was $20. on April 1st. It was paid to us by Mr. Hillman at the Iron Store. The balance still due is $38.25. We are in need of money & hope you can send a part or all of this amount very soon.

Yours Truly
H. W. Hubbard.

Mar. 21st

Miss [illegible] Ferguson.
Knoxville Tenn. -

There is a debt of twenty dollars against you for board & tuition when you were in the Institution. Are you earning money now? And can you pay the amount? Please write me how you are situated and how much you can pay. We hope you can now pay at least a part of the amount due,

Yours truly
H. W. Hubbard,
Act. Treasurer.

P.S. I send this care of Mr. Lot Ferguson.

Nov. 21st 2.

Miss Susie Cobbs
Fayetteville Tenn.

Let me call your attention to your account. There is still due Fisk University $8 88/100. If your friends can now pay this amount, or you are earning money and can pay the balance due we will be very glad to receive the money. Please write me how you are situated and how much you can pay.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard
Asst. Treas.

Nov. 21st 2

Wm. Crowe Esq.
Knoxville Tenn -
Dear Sir

Let me again call attention to your account. The last payment made by you was on Jan. last and [illegible] The books still show a balance of [illegible] due.

Let me hear from you soon in regard to this matter.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard,
Acct. Treas.

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Nov. 21th 2

Mr. Allen Fuqua
Glen-a-Miss.

Dear Sir:

Let me call your attention to the balance still due for board & tuition &c of George & Betty. One year ago the third of this month we rcd. from you $60. Have not rcd. any since. You still owe $43.80 As you are now receiving money for your crop we beseech you to send us the amount due.

You can send the money through the postoffice in a registered letter.

Very truly yours
H. W. Hubbard,
Asst. Treasurer.

[illegible] 25th 2.

Mr. [illegible] Overton,
[illegible]
Dear Sir

I presume you are planning to send us some money as you are marketing your crop. You will find enclosed herewith a statement of your account showing a balance this date in your favor of $6 40/100. The $15 75/100 sent by Thomas was a great help to us. You probably know that we conduct our Institution on the cash plan. We pay cash for every thing we buy. The money we collect for board & tuition pays only a part of the expenses we have to meet.

Saml & Thomas are well and doing well in their studies. I hope you are well.

Very Truly Yours
H. C. [illegible]
Act Treasurer.

Nov. 29th 2—

John E. Patt
Glencoe Miss.
Dear Pupil—

Yours enclosing cash 67^{25} me to hand yesterday (thanksgiving day). ve paid Miss Morgan 5. & Gabriel E. Ousley 5. as requested. The bal. due on your a/c is 56^{25} instead of 57^{25} as you think. I have balanced your a/c. The $1. remaining I will hand Rev. Mr. Bennett your donation to the church. Accept thanks myself & others for this money.

Glad you are being prospered. Hope you are an active worker for Jesus.

Very truly yours
G. W. Hubbard

Nov. 29th. 2

Bennett Hot Air Furnace Co.
Cinn. Ohio
Gents:

On Thursday night 31st I Tel. you via W. U. Tel. Co. for "1 Grate for Phoenix No. 7 for Fisk University". We have not heard from you or recd. the Grate. The grate is for Coke furnace set up under Ladies dormitory building. Please attend to this matter at once as the furnace is much needed this severe weather.

Yours Truly
H. H. Hubbard

A. T. Bennett Esq,
Bennett's Hot Air Furnace Co.
Cincin. Ohio —

Dear Sir —

Enclosed please find Ck on Freedmans Saving & Trust Co. N. Y. branch for $2. in payment of No 3 Grate recd. by Express.

Yours Truly
G. W. Hubbard

Dec. 5th 2.

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro.

Enclosed herewith please find Financial Statement for November &c.

Very Truly Yours,

G. W. Hubbard.

Dec. 9th 2

Messrs Wilson, Hinkle & Co.
Pubs. Cinn. Ohio.
Gents:

The 10 copies of Phillips' Singer directed to A. K. Spence duly recd. Enclosed please find draft of $\$30^{60}$ for the same on Freedman's Saving & Trust Co. N.Y. branch. Please ack. rec'pt.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard.

Dec. 9th 2.

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
Dear Bro.

Yours of the 5th inst. enclosing ck. for $25 no/100. to be used by Miss H. Matson as the donor has specified is at hand, and credited on our books to Donation a/c.

Very truly yours,
H. W. Hubbard.

Dec 11th 2

John McDaniels,
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 5th inst. inquiring about your son John, his bill for board, tuition &c is at hand. John has not written as often as he should. He tells me he wrote you the first of this week & will now write again. He is well and gives good attention to his studies. Yesterday he asked the prayers of Christians and said he was trying to be a Christian. We hope he has found Jesus. Let those pray for him, who have a hope in Jesus.

Your account for John's board &c is

To	Balance due Sept. 2nd on Summer Term	7.08	
"	Board, 17 2/7 Weeks, Sept. 2nd to Jan 1st 73 @ 2^{75}	47.50	
"	Tuition 1st Term " "	4.	
"	Cash for Book	.80	59.38
	Contra		
	By Cash per John Oct. 21st		6.
	Balance due Jan 1st 73		$53.38

We do hope you can send this amt. and an advance for 2nd Term for we need the money. Very Truly Yours
G. W. Hubbard.

Dec 12th ″ 2

[illegible] Esq.
[illegible], Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir,

In my letter of 19th ulto I reported Balance due Nov. 28th $85 63/100. Recd. this day per registered letter $33 90/100 & the same is duly credited to your a/c. The expense of each daughter for Board &c. & tuition for 4 weeks when not paid in advance is $12. It is necessary for us to ask prompt payments, and we thank you for the money sent.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard.

Dec 13th 2

Mr Wiley Robinson
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir:

I write you concerning the a/c of your Bro Jerry. He has been expecting for a long time to receive some money from you or from some of his people. He has written several times. The Institution is in need of the money due for his board & tuition. His account is as follows:

To Board 17½ weeks, Sept. 2d to Jan 1st 73 @ 2.75	$48.13
" Tuition, 1st Term	4.
	52.13
Contra	
By Cash Bal. in his favor Sept. 2d	13.07
Due Jan 1st 73	$39.06

I presume you are now about ready to send the money due for this term and enough to pay for next term & to get what clothing Jerry needs.

Jerry is well and studies very hard.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am
Yours truly
G. W. Hubbard

Dec 16th 2

Mrs. Anna Robinson
Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Madam

Enclosed is a statement of your account for board, tuition &c. of your daughter Tolena $34.40.
Last month I wrote Mr. Turner Hunt to call and see you and others concerning their accounts due the University. I now send him a copy of your account.
Tolena's conduct was such we were obliged to send her home. You are not however relieved from paying what is due for board, tuition &c while she was here.
I hope you can now pay a part or all of the amt. due.

Very Truly Yours
G. W. Hubbard

Dec 16 2

Miss Emma Owen,
Memphis Tenn.

Your letter to Prof. Spence was duly rec'd & ans. by him. Last month I wrote Mr. F. Hunt asking him as a favor to Fisk Uni & an accommodation to me to call & see you and others concerning your indebtedness $58.00, and collect whatever you could pay. Mr. Hunt writes me that some promise to pay and others think they do not owe, or if they do, they do not owe the amt. stated. Enclosed is a statement of your account as kept by Mr. White. If you have not been duly credited with all the payments made, or if you have an understanding with Mr. White as to when you were to pay please inform me at once.

On your Note June 8, 1870 for $51.00 you are credited with payments to the amt. of 28. leaving due $23.00 besides the interest. Total indebtedness 58.+18.75 = 76.75

The Institution is in need of the amt. justly due it, & I hope you are making every possible effort to pay.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard.

Dec 16th 2

Mr Turner Hunt
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send copies of accounts against the following persons. Thos Macon $29.— Flora Lewis $22.50 Emma Green 53.— Mary Speight $47.00 Lizzie D Johnson $148 76/100 — Ellen Barker 52.24 — Julia Ellison $37.— Millie Chambers $16.00 — Tolana Robinson $96.— Florence Maxwell 70.00. I have written letters enclosed copy to each of these persons, except Florence Maxwell. I wrote her some weeks since. Tolana Robinson was sent home for bad conduct. The mother or parents are not however excused from paying what is due for board, tuition &c.

Please write me what each person says about their account, when they can make payments &c. The accounts are as Mr White kept them, except the two last. I will make any correction in these accounts that should be made. The University is entitled to all that is justly due & you are authorized to collect. Write soon.

Very truly Yours G. W. Hubbard

Dec 28d 2

Mr. Chas Summerville
Brownsville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your account for board, tuition &c of your son James is as follows:

Board 4 weeks from Dec 10 to Jan 7th	10.
Tuition 2 weeks to Dec 21st	.50
Tuition in advance for 2d Term	2.25
Cash for pr Boots	3.
Total due	15.75

We require Tuition to be paid by the Term. See enclosed circular "Change of Rule"

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard

Dec 4th 2

Miss Florence Maxwell,
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Pupil:

Your letter to Prof. Spence has been handed to me. It is my desire that your account should be understood & all necessary corrections will cheerfully be made. Last Spring & again before you went home for the Summer I rendered a statement of your a/c to your father. He wrote me in June that he would pay your entire bill before the close of the Term. He did not write me that the bill was not correct. On June 16, 71 (a year ago last June) according to Mr. White's books you owed $8.95 ~~[illegible]~~ Your a/c for last year shows the following credits, Sept [illegible], Nov. 17th 16, Jan 8th 72 32, Mch. 16th 72 2. I am satisfied you were duly credited with all payments made in 72. [illegible] paid to Mr White any money after June 16th 71 for [illegible] you are not duly credited in statement rendered [illegible] send the receipts for such payments & obtain proper credits.

Yours Truly

Dec 28th 2

Rev. E. O. Tade
Chattanooga Tenn
Dear Bro

The P. O. Order for Sixty Dollars to be credited to the a/c of Lillie Carroll came to hand yesterday—thanks

Yours truly
H. W. Hubbard

Dec 30th, 2

James Hunt.
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a statement of your a/c for board &c of Rose Fred & Blair showing bal. due Jan 1 93 of $33.00.
We are managing on a cash basis & it is necessary for our patrons to make prompt payments so that we can have money to meet our expenses. Part of our expenses are paid by money collected for board &c. We hope by Jan 1 to collect all that is now due on the 1st Term of this school year.
Please remit at once.
I enclose circular stating a new rule concerning tuition, namely, Tuition to be paid by the Term.
What have you found out about the accounts sent you for collection?

Very Truly Yours,
G. W. Hubbard

Jan 8th 3.

Mr. Chas. Somerville,
Brownsville Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Yours enclosing P. O. Order for $7 75/100, came duly to hand and the amt. is duly credited.

Jamie says he recd. a P. O. Order for $5. from home in a letter. she recd. the Box sent by Express.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard

Jan 4th 3

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro.

Yours of 30th ult. enclosing cks. one for $5 00/100 on personal a/c, and one for $30 00/100 through N.Y. office from South Cong'l S.S. Woodbury Conn. by Miss Julia E. Kendrick in response to Miss Matson's letter to the S.S. is at hand. The instructions concerning the ck. for $30 00/100, & all such sums, sent as donations to personal accts. will be followed. But to make my monthly financial statement correct the debit side will show the same amts paid out or applied on the a/c of some indigent student as the donor shall direct. The $25. sent last month to be used as Miss Matson should direct was credited to Donation a/c for the reason that the money was not sent on General a/c to meet Fisk U. Expenses but to meet the expense of some indigent student. Donation a/c is drawn on every month to meet the charges made against certain students. Board a/c or Tuition a/c or some other a/c will show credit for all sums drawn from Donation a/c. To give the A.M.A. credit for a certain

Room and Board a/c or Tuition a/c also Credit for the same would double the Amt. and make error.

If you wish the instructions referred to, to reach the $25. above mentioned, I will transfer said amt. from Donation a/c to A.M. A. a/c and from A.M.A a/c to that of some student per direction of Donor and represent it in Financial Statement for Jan. The Amts. sent us as Donations to be applied on the a/cs of certain students do not blong in general fund and should not be reported in Monthly Statement only as drawn out in payment of Board, Tuition &c. In a General Statement at the close of a Fiscal year mention should be made of the Peabody Fund and all amts. recd. as Donations to indigent students or any other specific purpose. At any time I will furnish you a transcript of Donations.

Enclosed please find Financial Statement for Dec. 72. The continued cold weather made Family Expenses unusually large. Coal was used by the hod instead of shovel full. The religious meetings so fruitful & blessed were accompanied with expense

At least $50. worth of coal was used to keep in the fire in the Chapel Furnace during the day. It is a great waste to build a fire in the Chapel Furnaces in very cold weather. Our Family Expenses this year are much larger than we had reason to calculate to meet. The money promised this month on acct. due on last term will considerably reduce the Bal. borrowed.

Fifty one is the highest number of boarders at any one time last term. Six went away during the term. Seven new boarders have come in since Christmas & we have present to-day fifty-two boarders. Five students are to come from Miss. The prospect is that by next Wednesday we shall have sixty boarders. The attendance on yesterday & the day before, the 1st & 2d days of this 2d Term, was not large. But few of the Scholars are ready to enter before next Monday. We can not tell yet but our new rule, requiring payment of tuition in advance for the term, may keep some scholars away.

Enclosed, also, are Sc.ol Reports for No. & Dec.

Very truly Yours
H. S. Hubbard.

Jan. 8

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
New York City,
Dear Bro.

Yours of 4th inst. enclosing ck. for $25. reported to New York Office as from "Congl. Church and Society Pittsfield, Mass. for Miss H. Mateer of Fisk Univ. to aid some student" is at hand and the $25. credited to A.M.A a/c. This amount will be transferred also from A.M.A. a/c to Donation a/c to be drawn on to pay board & tuition of Wm. A. Henderson per request of Miss H. Mateer.

Miss Morgan wishes me to say that she is expecting to receive from the Library books from Taunton Mass. A letter came to-day saying the books had been expressed via New York.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard

Jan. 10th 3.

R. N. Countee Esq.
Brownsville Tenn.
Dear Sir

Yours of 3d inst. came duly to hand. Thanks for writing. We will cheerfully wait on you as suggested, but will observe the rule as to price of Board when payment is made at the close instead of in advance of each four weeks from date of entering.

The last payment $15. Nov. 14th paid for board, tuition, & music to Nov. 25th. Besides board, tuition & music from Nov 25th I report as "Extras" 1 Ray's Arith. 3d Part. 70c - 1 Slate 15c - Sheet Music to date 1.85, Total (Extras) $2.70.

Very Truly Yours,

H. W. Hubbard

No. A.M.A. ARCHIVES FISK UNIV.

Jan. 13th 3

R. N. Countee Esq.
Brownsville Tenn.

Dear Sir—

Yours of 11th inst. enclosing P.O. order for $20.00 is at hand, and the amt. duly credited to a/c of Mary E. Burton. Since my letter of the 10th inst., at the request of Miss Wells, I let Mary have $4. to purchase articles needed.

Very Truly Yours,
G. W. Hubbard.

Jan 16th [illegible]

N. D. Smith Esq.
Cashier N. F. S. & T. Co.
Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 14th inst. enclosing ck. [illegible] on Nashville Branch #15 24/100 to the order of Prof. A. K. Spence is at hand & the ck. placed to the cr. of Maggie Carnes

Very truly Yours
H. A. Hubbard

Jan 18th 3.

R. N. Countee Esq.
Brownsville Tenn
Dear Sir:

Yours of yesterday enclosing P.O. Order for $1 20/100 is at hand & the amt. duly applied to a/c of Mary E. Burton. Mary is well & wrote you a few days since. I know you would be much encouraged about her could you witness the progress she is making.

Very Truly Yours,
H. W. Hubbard

Jan 27th 8

Mr. Chas. Sommerville,
Brownsville Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 24th inst. enclosing P.O. Order for 70, duly rec'd. & the amt. credited on acct. of Board of Ros James.

I enclose a line from Mr. Chase in regard to James.

Very Truly Yours
H. G. Hubbard

Jan 27th 3.

Wm. E. Whiting Esq.
Acct. Treas. A.M.A.
New York City,
Dear Bro.

Recd. this day yours of 23^{d} inst. enclosing ck. for $\$16\frac{67}{00}$ to the order of Treas. Fisk University. No special object being mentioned the $\$16\frac{67}{00}$ is credited to A.M.A. a/c to be used for General Expenses.

Very Truly Yours,
H. W. Hubbard
Acct. Treas.

Feb 5th 8

Miss Carrie M. Blood
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Friend:

Yours of yesterday is at hand. There will be nothing due on acct. of board & tuition of Miss Cornelia Hill at the close of this school year May 31st. We have recd. on her acct. Cash 14. & 6. = 20. R. B. Hunt's Note $25. Donation promised by Prof Spence 50. Total $95. If her people are able to pay anything on her acct. for this year, I would suggest that they pay what they can & we will reserve the same amt. from Donation acct. to be used for her next year.

Cornelia, & Lulu Carroll are well — Also Willie Henderson and Christie Alexander.

Very truly Yours
G. W. Hubbard.

Feb. 5th 3.

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
Dear Bro.

Enclosed herewith please find Financial Statement for Jan. I have added to the usual statement the amts. recd. on Donation Acct. during Jan. & from whom recd. – Also an estimate of Cost of board per boarder for Jan. The expenses for Jan. are the heaviest of the year. Including the Matron's salary the cost per boarder was $10.71. By our system of charging board for the week or 4 week month (4 w's) of 28 ds $10. instead of $10. for a month of 30 ds, we actually collect from student boarders $10.71 per mo. of 30 ds. In the estimate I have not considered the interest on amt. invest. for Dormitory building Kitchens because I do not know the amt. We could make a better showing were it not our bil's for fuel & repairs unusually & always very large from the nature of our buildings. = The Tuition $45.55 is in advance for the Term of 10 weeks. = Our balance for Dec. was against us $28.50, for Jan. the bal. is in our favor $11.18

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard.

Feb. 11th 8

Mr. Turner Hanity
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir:

To-day Blair paid me $26 25/100 which you would like a receipt in full to Feb 1st. You will see by statement given herewith that there is more due than the amt. paid:

To Board 8 6/7 weeks from Jan 1 to Feb 1. of ... @ 2.50	22.15
" Tuition 10 " each. 2 Terms, ...	5.50
" Cash, 1 Load Coal	6.
	32.65
By Cash this date	26.25
Bal. due Feb 1st	6.40

We collect Tuition by the term not by the month. See Circular enclosed. I charged the Coal to your a/c. I am informed that both Mr. Clements & Anderson have paid to Blair their share for Cost of Coal 2.00 each.

You are acquainted with business rules and understand why it is we look for prompt payments

Very truly Yours,

Feb. 12th 3.

Messrs. C. M. Chilton & Walter Welborn,
Executors of last Will of Mr. J. H. Welborn, deceased,
Gents:

Enclosed please find statement of J. H. Welborn's Acct. with Fisk University for board, tuition &c. of his son Walter Welborn and [illegible] Welborn. The amt. due this Institution is [illegible]. This is a just claim & we have letter from Mr. Welborn stating he would be responsible for the expense of Walter [illegible]. A statement of this acct. was made out at the time of the death of Mr. Welborn and sent by Walter Mch. 28/92.

Please file this Bill among the claims against the estate. Also please inform me if any other step is necessary to place this Bill in the way of collection. When are the claims against the estate likely to be settled? If you are not at liberty to give the desired information please name a reliable atty. who will act for [illegible]

Very Truly Yours
[illegible]
acct. Fisk U.

Feb. 18th 3

Mr. Benj. Overton,
Lake Providence, Carroll Co. La.
Dear Sir;

The payments made on acct. of board & tuition of sons meet their expenses to Jan. 16th with a bal. in your favor of 1^{40}. — From Jan. 16th to Mch 15th the close of the 2d Term is Eight weeks & the charge of board of sons for the 8 weeks if paid now is $40. If payment is not made promptly and in advance we charge for board 25 cents more per week (.25) and our rule is not to give credit for longer time than four weeks.

Your sons are in good health and are doing well in their studies.

With kind regards I am
Yours Truly
H. S. Hubbard

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.____
FISK UN.

Feb. 24th 3.

R. N. Countee Esq.
Brownsville, Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Yours enclosing P. O. Order for $15. is at hand and amt. duly credited to the a/c of Miss Mary E. Burton. — On the 10th inst I paid $2. [illegible] to Miss Wells for articles purchased for Mary.

Mary is very well & we are pleased with the progress she is making in study and deportment.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard

Feb. 24th 73

Mr. Randle Hinds
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is your Bill for Board, Tuition &c of Daughters. The amt. due us to Mch. 12th, the close of 2d Term is $89.00. I have written you two or three times since your last paymt. of $30. Dec 12th 72. but have not heard from you or recd. any money. Our rule is not to give Credit to any of our patrons beyond four weeks from the date that board is due.

We do not keep our home as a means of making money but for the good of the students. The price charged is less than the cost to us. Besides the cost to us of Board & Tuition we have paid out $10.00 for articles that your Daughters needed. The charges made against students must be promptly paid.

Laura & Emma are well. We are pleased with the progress they are making.

Please answer soon & send the amt. due

Yours Truly
H. C. Hubbard.

Mch 1st 3.

H. A. Hawkins Esq
Chattanooga, Tenn

Dear Friend:

Your letter in regard to entering our Institution came duly to hand.

Your advancement corresponds to our Middle Prep. Class as follows. You are behind one term in Latin, & one half term in Algebra. You are up in Greek and other studies if thorough as represented.

Our Scholastic year is now two-thirds gone. The Year closes May 29th. Was there provision made in Atlanta for your expenses through the year? If so, would it not be better to finish this year in Atlanta? We would be pleased to have you with us and expected you to enter here last Fall. As you decided to go to Atlanta it may be best, under the circumstances, for you to continue there this year. However, answer, at once, the above questions.

Very truly Yours
H. S. Hubbard

Mch. 8th 8.

Mr. Benj. Overton,
Lake Providence La.
Dear Sir

Yours of 24th ult. enclosing Dft. at sight to my order on a party in New Orleans came to hand last Saturday P.M. (the 4th). The amt. ($\$30$) Thirty Dollars is duly credited to your acct. for Board & tuition of sons Saml & Thos. Thanks for the same. Your acct. is balanced to Mch 1st. As you can not at once send on money in advance for board of course we must observe the rule & charge $\$2\frac{75}{100}$ per week & give credit for four weeks. Hope you can send more money soon.

Saml & Thomas are well. They are studying hard. Thos. recd. a letter from you containing $\$10$. He has written you since your letter came. With kind regards I am

Yours Truly
G. W. Hubbard.

Mch. $8\frac{7}{4}$ 3.

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro.

Enclosed herewith please find Financial Report for February 78. The balance $$13\frac{25}{100}$, though small, is in our favor.

Very Truly Yours,

G. W. Hubbard.

Mch 10th 3.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,
Cor. Sec. A. M. A., New York City,
Dear Bro.—

The March "Missionary" is in great demand. We would like 100 copies for circulation. Can we get the loan of the plates showing the elevation and ground plan of Jubilee Hall? We wish to use them to advertise our Institution in this section. We have arranged to get them into one or more of the newspapers of this City. What would be the cost of an Electro-type of size to be used on a letterhead?

Very Truly Yours,
H. W. Hubbard.

Mch. 10th 3.

Mr. D. D. Gallaway
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.—

Dear Sir;

Mr. Wiley Robinson is here to get information as to whether his brother Jerry had recd. \$20. sent by you in or about June 1872. So far as I know the said \$20. was never recd by Jerry. I never recd. \$20. on or about June '72 to be credited to Jerry Robinson's a/c.

I now inform Mr. Wiley Robinson & did on the 19th of Feb. write both you & him that a letter had been recd. by Jerry Robinson from you dated Glencoe Miss Jan 9th 1873 & postmarked Memphis Feb. 12th but that no ck. for \$150. was contained or enclosed with said letter or had been recd. up to the time of writing. The said letter from you
"is worded as follows— "This letter is written to "
"inform you that a check for One Hundred and
"fifty Dollars has been drawn on Mess Ely Horry &"
"Richardson, Memphis Tenn for your benefit and"
"as soon as you receive same you can get it cashed"
"by presenting same to any bank in Nashville Tenn"

"Let me know when you got same that I"
"may satisfy your brother about it"

I have charge of all the letters directed to the young men in this Institution. The said letter from you was opened in my presence & I know there was no check enclosed in said letter. No letter has been recd. since Feb. 19th by Jerry Robinson to my knowledge containing a check for $150.

Very truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard

Mch 15th 3.

F. W. Moore Esq.
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.
Dear Sir:

Yours of 11th inst. asking a statement showing total amt. paid by Randle Hinds on acct. of board &c of Daughters, & also what amt. it will require to pay ~~for~~ Tuition, Board &c to the end of school year May 29th is at hand.

Enclosed herewith is a statement of Randle Hinds acct. The amt. necessary to meet present expenses & pay for board & tuition to May 29th is $50.00, the charge for board from Mch 12 to May 29th is made at $2 50/100 per week expecting the entire amt. $50.00 to be fwd. at once. When board is not paid in advance (but at the end of each 4 weeks) the price is $2.25 per week.

I trust the amt. will be remitted without delay.

The daughters are well. We are quite sure the parents will be pleased with the progress they have made.

Very truly yours
G. W. Hubbard.

Mch. 21 3—

Rev E. O. Tade,
Chattanooga Tenn.
Dear Bro—

Yours of 18th ult. enclosing P. O. Order for #9$^{00}_{100}$ came to hand last evening— #6^{00} is credited on a/c and #3^{00} paid to Lulu Carroll per instructions of letter. Lulu is well—

Both Lulu and Cornelia (Still) are improving the advantages offered here. They are every way worthy of the effort made in their behalf.

W. A. Hawkins arrived Monday evening. He is hard at work to overtake the Middle Preparatory Class hopes to enter in full next fall.

The Legislature has given us a School law— but the Governor does not name the person to be chosen as Supt. of Pub. Instruction, and the Legislature is likely to adjourn without the appointment being made.

Yours Truly,
H. W. Hubbard.—

Mch 21 2.

(Circular)

County School Supt.
Desoto Co. Miss.
Dear Sir:

We have in our Institution a number of students who have taught and are preparing to teach colored schools. Many have already secured schools, others desire to do so.

Our Summer vacation commences May 29th and the students engage to teach a three or four months school commencing the last of May or first of June—

What are the probabilities of securing schools in your County? What is the salary per month? What is the nature of the payments?

I would be much obliged for the address of any district desiring a teacher. We can recommend persons qualified to teach a common school.

I send herewith a catalogue of our Institution showing the course of study &c.

Yours Truly
G. W. Hubbard

April 2d 3.

Rev. E. M. Cravath,
New York City,
Dear Bro.

Enclosed herewith is Financial Report for March 73.

We have recd. consent of Rev. Mr. Whipple to use of plates showing ground plan and elevation of Jubilee Hall. Space has been secured in daily and weekly Republican Banner, and also in weekly Bulletin. Both papers are friendly to our work. Hope the plates will be forwarded to me as soon as possible. "Jubilee Hall" looks well in the "Christian Weekly." Our prayers go with the Jubilee party in their trip abroad.

I mail you the Rep. Banner of yesterday. It gives the Conditions of Com. Vanderbilts munificent bequest (500,000.) to M. E. Church South to establish a University in or near Nashville.

Very truly Yours,
H. W. Hubbard.

May 1st 3.

Mr. R. Dancey
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Prof. Spence has handed me your letter to him recd. yesterday.

It is always understood when a parent enters a child that both parent & child agree to observe the established rules & regulations of the Institution. To charge for board by the week has been a rule of this Institution for more than two years. This rule is stated in Circular & Catalogue see page 30. You are the first person to my knowledge who has refused to accept this rule — For the 75c charged for cash on Express pkg. Dec 20th you will find a 75c credit Jan. 8th. The Express Agt. demanded 75c I paid it & then had Millard write you for the receipt showing you had paid in Memphis I presented the receipt & the A.R. refunded the 75c placed to your credit Jan 8th. When I wrote I supposed Millard would go home Saturday, but as he did not till to-day & as you did not wish him to board for nothing I have charged for 5 days board $1.70 this balances your a/c. the $1.00 by Express to Millard came this morning & I purchased [illegible] ticket $6.40. [illegible]

Friday. May 2d 3.

W. H. King Esq.
Genl. Tick. Agt. L. N. & Grt. Sthn. R.y.

Dear Sir:

I am referred to you in the matter of securing transportation from McKenzie to Memphis at half rates for a number of students (about 20) of this Institution who wish to return to Memphis on or about May 29th. We have heretofore been allowed half rates and the privilege is still granted from here to McKenzie. We have a large number of students from West Tenn. & Miss. - this is partly due to the half rates secured for a party of four or more. We are working to secure students from different parts of this and other States and the arrangement suggested is of advantage to all parties.
A permit from you to purchase tickets at half rates over your line will be duly appreciated by this Institution and by the students.

With great respect Very Truly Yours
G. W. Hubbard.

Friday, May 2d. 3.

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro.-

Enclosed please find Financial Statement for April 23.

I will prepare a statement showing transactions for the school year 1872-73, with estimate of cost per student &c to be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting. Please inform me the value, for school purposes, placed on these buildings. Be moderate in the estimate of Howard Chapel. How much is paid for Insurance? Please write me the points upon which you would like specific information to be given in Statement to be submitted to the Board.

It is evident that the Boarding Department must be kept open during the Summer as a "Teachers Home" The expenses will be kept separate and reported the last of August. The report should show the expenses for the Summer and the cost of Fruit &c put up for use next school year.

Very Truly Yours,

H. W. Hubbard.

Monday May 19th 3.

Thos. W. Moore Esq.
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 17th inst. from Memphis enclosing sight Draft on J. J. Person Br. of N. O. for Two hundred & fifty Dollars - and Cash thirty Dollars is at hand - $155 25/100 is Cr. to Randle Hinds in full of a/c - $8 [illegible] in full of a/c of Jno. McDaniels - The $30. cash & bal on Dft $[illegible] 25/100 is paid to daughters of Randle Hinds to pay for necessary articles & defray their expenses home.

Many thanks for your kindness in this matter.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Hubbard

Saturday, May 24th 3.

Rev. E. M. Cravath,

Dear Bro.

Yours of 21st inst. enclosing check for $10. and letter from Alfred, Me. is at hand. Prof. Spence will answer the letter and give further facts of interest concerning Student Milton Shane, whose account is duly credited with the $10.

Enclosed is programme of Examinations &c. We look for you here about this date.

Yesterday I mailed the Republican Banner containing editorial notice & extracts from London papers concerning the Jubilee Singers. We rejoice over this article the more because it is the free expression of the Editor, & not in anyway suggested by any one in the interest of Fisk U. or the Jubilees.

Very Truly Yours

H. G. W. Hubbard

Monday May 26th 8.

R. N. Countee Esq.
Brownsville Tenn.
Dear Sir

Youre of 24th inst. enclosing P. O. Order for 10$\frac{00}{100}$. is at hand — The amt. due was 7[illegible] + .25 for copy-book — I have secured reduced fare to Memphis 6. Shall purchase through ticket for Mary unless better rates can be secured to Brownsville where you wish her to stop. The Memphis Students leave here Thursday night or Friday morning. The amt. left after balancing acct. & purchase of ticket will be paid to Mary.

Very truly yours,
H. W. Hubbard.

Sat. May 31st 3.

A. Reynolds Esq.
Glencoe, Bolivar Co. Miss.

Dear Pupil –

A registered letter containing \$40. & directed to you came to hand yesterday. I have credited your acct. with the \$40. – Balance still due $\$15^{00}$.

I hope you all reached home safely. Let me hear from you soon. Kind regards to all.

Yours truly,
G. W. Hubbard.

June 2d. 3.

R. N. Countee Esq.
Brownsville Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Telegram from you was duly recd. I found it best to purchase ticket to Memphis \$6.– Taking from the \$15. recd. May 26th Bal. due \$7.65 + 20c for Copy book + \$1.00 expended by Miss Mills for Miss Mary E. Burton there is a balance due you of 15c which I enclose herewith.

Very truly yours
H. W. Hubbard

June 2d 3.

Rev. E. M. Cravath.
Dear Bro.

Enclosed please find financial statement for May 1873. I have made out an annual statement for Board of Trustees.

Very truly yours
H. W. Hubbard

Monday June 2d 3.

Mrs. E. Jones -
Columbia Tenn -

Dear Madam -

Yours of 29th ult. enclosing P.O. Order for $\$20$. also a letter to Sallie G. Pattose enclosing $\$2^{60}$ came duly to hand. Miss Wells opened the letter to Sallie - I pay 50^c of the $\$2^{60}$ for Dr's Bill & give Sallie G. Patton's acct. credit for $\$22^{10}$. thanks for the same. Balance still due $\$18\frac{80}{100}$.

Very Truly Yours
H. W. Hubbard